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Mayor's Good Citizenship Awards are held - see more on pages 6 and 7.

Local prison worker gets national award

Hayley Morris received her award from The Princess Royal.

A PRISON manager at HMP Parc in Bridgend is celebrating being presented with an award by The Princess Royal at St James's Palace in London on March 21.

Hayley Morris received the award from the Butler Trust, which has The Princess Royal as its patron. Her award was one of just 10 granted from over 400 nominations across Britain.

Now in their 34th year, the Butler Trust annual awards recognise outstanding service by staff and volunteers working in UK prisons, probation and youth justice settings.

Secretary of State for Justice, David Gauke MP and Prison and Probation Minister, Rory Stewart MP, were among the audience of over 200 there to honour this year's winners.

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Dialysis unit benefits from donation

The team at the Llantrisant Dialysis Unit were grateful for the donation.

MEMBERS of Kidney Wales Porthcawl committee visited Llantrisant Dialysis Unit recently to present 10 e-readers and five annual magazine subscriptions for those who receive treatment at the unit.

The items were funded by the committee from the generosity of their supporters.

The next fundraiser is 'An Ascot Ladies Day' at the High Tide, on June 22 at 4.30pm; tickets £20 each. Call 01656 782314 or 01656 782913 to purchase tickets and for more information about the event.

Kathryn Roper

Award for Bridgend from UK leisure industry

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) and the social enterprise Halo Leisure, which runs the county's leisure centres, has been awarded first place by UK leisure industry quality assessor Quest for their work alongside local schools, clubs and community organisations.

The council and Halo also received an 'excellent' rating in recognition of the 'high-quality' overall service offered by their successful partnership.

According to BCBC, assessors looked at a range of factors including how disabled people are supported, how inactive people are encouraged to become active, engagement with children and young people and the exercise referral programme.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

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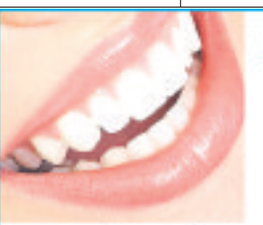
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Cosmology Corner - Will Uranus blow out the candles for its birthday?

WELL, birthday anniversaries seem to be coming round thick and fast at this time of year, and here's another one.

On March 13, 1781 British astronomer, William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus quite by accident when conducting a routine survey of stars. He noticed a very faint object, just barely visible to the naked eye which moved against the background of fixed stars. This clearly meant that the object was much closer to Earth than the regular stars. He firstly thought he had found a comet but later came to realise that it was a new planet orbiting our sun.

Following the usual protocol of the discoverer having the honour of naming the discovery, Herschel proposed the name George's Star after King George III but even in those early pre-Brexit times, those outside Britain weren't too pleased with this idea and Herschel acceded to the request of others to follow the convention of naming planets after ancient gods.

Uranus, one of the earliest gods in Greek mythology, was an ancient sky god sometimes called Father Sky, both the husband and son of Gaia, Mother Earth. King George wasn't the least offended, however, and not only knighted Herschel as a result of his discovery but also appointed him to the position of court astronomer. The additional salary enabled Herschel to quit his day job as a musician and become a full time observer of the night skies.

He would go on to discover several moons around Jupiter and Saturn and also compiled a catalogue of 2,500 celestial objects which is still in use today. Uranus is the seventh planet in our solar system after Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

In 1977, just four years short of two centuries after its discovery, astronomers using the Kuiper Airborne Observatory (a converted Boeing 747) discovered a ring system around Uranus, the second most dramatic ring system in the solar system after Saturn's.

Our closest approach (50,000 miles) to Uranus came in 1986 when Voyager 2 swung by the planet before heading on out to Neptune and eventually, interstellar space. A great number of images and voluminous scientific data on the planet, its 13 rings and its 27 known moons was radioed back from this fly-by.

With a diameter of 50,000km Uranus is the third largest planet in our solar system after Jupiter and Saturn. It is believed to be composed of a very small rocky core, a deep mantle of water, ammonia and methane ices and a thick atmosphere of hydrogen, helium and methane (CH) which accounts for its aquamarine colour. It is some 2.6 billion km distant from the Sun which it orbits once every 84 of our years. Whereas light from the Sun takes just nine minutes to reach Earth, reflected light from Uranus takes more than two and a half hours to reach us.

Although Neptune is even more distant, at a temperature of -216 degrees Centigrade, Uranus has the coldest temperature of all the planets.

Norman Lloyd

Bridgend College crowned FE College of the Year at national awards ceremony

BRIDGEND College was named FE College of the Year at the 2019 TES FE Awards at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on March 22.

Bridgend College staff with the 'FE College of the Year' award.

The remarkable turnaround that saw Bridgend College transformed from one of the worst-performing colleges in the country to one of the best made it a clear winner.

Bridgend College tops league tables in Wales for qualification completion rates. In the most recent statistics, these stood above 90 per cent across all qualifications.

Simon Pirotte, CEO and Principal of Bridgend College, said: "This accolade is the icing on the cake, not for only Bridgend College but the Bridgend County Borough. I have the honour of working with some of the most inspirational people, and each and every one of our staff, learners and Governors has helped us secure this title. This award is a huge boost for the FE sector in Wales and for the Bridgend county borough."

Bridgend-based firm's support for food bank charity tops £18,000

IN January 2018, Bridgend-based Construction firm Jehu Group announced that its charity of the year would be The Trussell Trust, a charity which runs a network of more than 400 foodbanks, giving food and support to people across the UK.

During 2018/19, Jehu staff and partners have been involved in various fundraising activities such as a Charity Band Night at The Tramshed, Cardiff, when local bands 4th Street, State of Mind and Special Brew raised more than £2,000.

In September, Olympic athletes Helen and Marc Jenkins officially started Jehu's annual Wales Property Triathlon, in which over 250 Welsh property professionals from across the country were involved.

The sprint triathlon, now in its sixth year, involves a 500m pool swim, 20k bike ride and 5k run and raised £7,850.

Helen Jenkins, double World triathlon champion and Olympic athlete at Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016, said: "It's hard to believe that charities such as The Trussell Trust are around. There is no reason anyone should have to go without food in our society. Raising awareness through the power of sport is great and we're pleased to be part of it."

Jehu has widened its fundraising efforts to include volunteering, labour support and food collections.

The group are also completing over £8,000 worth of refurbishment works to the Carmel Chapel in Port Talbot which runs the local foodbank.

This is a donation as part of their community benefit commitments on the Glan Afan development scheme for Coastal Housing Group.

Marc Jehu, managing director said: "We would like to thank all our staff, partners and those who just decided to get involved and help us raise money."

Site engineer Ricky Woodman took part in the Jehu Triathlon.

Outline planning permission granted for Afan Adventure Park

PLANS for an Afan Valley Adventure Park are a step closer, as Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has granted outline planning permission for the adventure complex.

Aberavon's assembly member, David Rees and Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies will work with the developer and local authorities (Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend) as the project progresses.

Situated at the top of the Afan and Llynfi Valleys, the proposals for the Afan Valley Adventure Resort aim for the development of an adventure resort that, it is hoped, will provide what a spokesperson described as "significant employment opportunities" for the local area.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
28 Thur	11.32	7.8	23.59	7.6
29 Fri	N/A	N/A	12.47	7.3
30 Sat	01.36	7.2	14.28	7.1
31 Sun	04.04	7.5	16.46	7.7
01 Mon	05.09	8.0	17.39	8.3
02 Tues	05.55	8.6	18.17	8.8
03 Wed	06.32	9.0	18.52	9.2
04 Thurs	07.07	9.3	19.24	9.5

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Local people honoured at High Sheriff's awards

A BRIDGEND teenager whose online videos have transformed communication for people with Down's Syndrome and a special educational needs school are among the winners at High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Youth Community Awards.

Isabella Evans and the Heronsbridge Duke of Edinburgh Group were among the first place recipients. The event, which was hosted by Sony UK Technology Centre, aims to attract recognition of organisations and youngsters who have made a impact across the region over the past year.

This year's nominees were awarded across five categories.

The individual category was won by Miss Evans, who claimed first place after establishing a Facebook group which teaches families how to use the sign-based language Makaton to communicate with Down's Syndrome people.

Miss Evans, whose brother has Down's Syndrome, has over 1,166 followers on her Isabella Signs page, with most of the videos she uploads achieving over 30,000 views.

The evening's other big winner was the Heronsbridge Duke of Edinburgh Group, which not only won first place in the group category, but also took home the High Sheriff Cup.

The group, which is made up of 34 pupils from Heronsbridge School, claimed both prizes thanks to their dedication to their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. As part of the scheme, members have volunteered extensively across the community and have undertaken numerous beach clean ups in Porthcawl.

Hayley's award

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After the presentation, The Princess talked to Hayley and her fellow winners over afternoon tea in the Palace State Rooms.

Simon Shepherd, director of the Trust, said: "Behind all the headlines, and hidden from view, is an unsung army of criminal justice workers and volunteers doing difficult, demanding and highly skilled work with some of the most challenging people in society. Our awards are a way of saying a very public thank you to some of the most outstanding of them. This year's winners are as outstanding as ever."

Chair of the Butler Trust's independent awarding panel, Sir Michael Harrison, said: "The depth and breadth of Hayley's pioneering family-focused work really impressed us. As well as her direct personal impact, described in some very moving testimony from prisoners, officers, and prisoners' families, her work has also led to Parc becoming the first prison to achieve 'Investors in Families' accreditation."

A 'souper' Lenten lunch raises £261 for charity

A LENTEN lunch held at St Illtyd's Church in Bridgend last Saturday raised £261 for Ty Ffrindiau, a charity based in Kenya.

Ty Ffrindiau is overseen by retired priest, Rev Stephen Ambani and his wife Edith, whose aim is to house and educate children who have lost both parents to the AIDS virus.

Parish priest of St Illtyd's, Father David Lloyd said: "Unlike in the UK everything a child uses in their education must be paid for by their family in Kenya, including their pens, pencils, paper, and textbooks.

"Ty Ffrindiau aims to see a child right through to university by raising the funds to pay for these things, as well as provide a home environment to feed, house and clothe them.

"Without contributions from churches like St Illtyd's, fewer children can be helped.

"Father Stephen points out that when donations are low, some children have their help withdrawn. That is a heartbreaking thing to go through for a child who has already lost everything once."

He added that a good number of people, some churchgoers, some not, came to support and break bread and eat soup made by parishioners, having a good chat in the process.

Other events coming up soon at the church in Newcastle include a spring clean of the grounds on Holy Saturday (April 20) starting at 9.30am until around midday.

Father David said: "Bring your own gardening kit and gloves, although there tends to be enough to go around."

For more information, telephone 01656 655999 or search for @saintillytdbridgend.

Mrs Vicarage

Neil presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend has presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Rotarian Neil Solman at a recent meeting.

Paul Harris Fellow awards were inspired by Rotary International's founder, Paul Percival Harris to recognise people who have done exceptional work on behalf of Rotary.

The nomination cited Mr Solman's Rotary career both in Bridgend and his previous club in Coventry.

Since joining Bridgend Rotary in 2008, Mr Solman has made a great contribution to all the club's social and community and fundraising events.

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Rotary club honours one of its own

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl and their guests gathered together on March 16 to honour their president Denzil Gould and his wife Valerie at The Hide Tide, Porthcawl.

The club's guests included district governor Clive Edwards and the principal guest, the Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Norah Clarke.

Other invited guests included Carol Lowery, the president of the Porthcawl Inner Wheel and Joan and John Cosson representing the Porthcawl Lions Club.

After a meal accompanied by the string ensemble of the Bridgend Youth Orchestra the formal part of the evening took place with toasts to the club in Porthcawl by Mr Edwards and Cllr Clarke.

One highlight of the evening was the presentation of a cheque for £500, which was accepted by Simon Gray on behalf of the Friends of the Bridgend Youth Music.

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Spat breaks out after Bridgend councillor's 'disgraceful' remarks about 'rich Porthcawl'

PORTHCAWL residents have been left horrified after a borough councillor allegedly said the town's only problem was "being rich".

Cllr Stuart Baldwin, the Labour mayor of Bridgend Town Council and deputy mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), is accused of making the remarks at a town council meeting on Monday, March 19.

Fellow county and town councillor Carolyn Webster (Conservative) said the remarks were made during a discussion over proposed Boundary Commission changes to electoral wards.

She said: "The town council was discussing the fact Newcastle and Morfa wards would merge under the proposals and the number of county councillors would reduce from four to three.

"The discussion moved onto the fact that Porthcawl is having an increase of one councillor and Stuart Baldwin made a comment saying: 'I don't know why Porthcawl are having another one because the only problem they have is being rich', or words to that effect."

Porthcawl town councillor Steve Maitland Thomas (Independent) said he was "absolutely horrified".

He said: "This Stuart Baldwin seems to be indicative of some of the dinosaur beliefs that are still held by some of our socialist comrades further north at BCBC, that Porthcawl is full of rich people and that we don't need anything like a swimming pool, because we all have one in our back gardens, and that we don't need investment because we are all making millions from the tourist trade.

One person posted: "Perhaps we should not be worrying about leaving the EU, we should be trying to leave BCBC."

Highlighting the number of comments on Facebook from "very irate and angry residents of Porthcawl", a resident said: "I think we should take this more seriously and send an email signed by all of us to the leader of the council."

Cllr Webster said Cllr Baldwin was comparing Porthcawl to the issues he faces as a councillor representing people in Wildmill and Morfa ward.

She said: "I'm not taking away from their issues at all – there are a lot of complicated needs that people face, but I responded straight away by saying Porthcawl is a diverse community and not everyone is rich.

"Coming from a council estate in Porthcawl, I can certainly testify that people have this opinion that Porthcawl is a wealthy town.

"It's quite astonishing that a couple of big houses on the seafront can give that impression.

"There are people in Porthcawl with complicated and complex problems.

"It's rather judgemental to to say that nobody has problems in Porthcawl."

Cllr Huw David, leader of BCBC, said: "It's disappointing that this has somehow led to the reappearance of the myth that Porthcawl suffers from a lack of investment as the council spends money where it is most needed.

"For example, Porthcawl has a higher concentration of older residents, so we spend more on services for older people in Porthcawl than we do in any other part of the county borough. People need to focus on facts rather than myths."

At a meeting on Monday, March 25, Porthcawl Town Council decided to send a "strongly worded" letter to the legal officer and leader of BCBC over its concerns about the incoming mayor of the local authority.

The town council said it no longer had confidence in BCBC's current deputy (Cllr Baldwin) and that should he become mayor, it would not invite him to any of the town's civic functions.

At the meeting, Cllr Mike Clarke said that while Cllr Baldwin had apologised for the remark, he was due to become borough mayor, which carried a certain amount of power.

He said: "He will be chairing meetings and coming up at BCBC there are some serious decisions over the Salt Lake development. The issue for me is not political, it is that a councillor in his role as deputy mayor has clearly identified a bias. I have seen an apology for the comment but not one for the bias.

He added: "The borough mayor has traditionally been someone of considerable experience. What Cllr Baldwin has shown is a lack of judgement and experience – he has only been a councillor for two years."

The county borough councillors on Porthcawl Town Council said Cllr Baldwin had sent an email to each of them apologising for the comment.

Cllr Steve Maitland-Thomas, who first posted the reported remarks on the Facebook page, Porthcawl First, said Cllr Baldwin had written to him saying he had been called a racist and had received threats of violence against him in comments on social media.

Contacted by the Local democracy reporter after the Porthcawl Town Council meeting, Cllr Baldwin said: "I have apologised, I'm not going to continue apologising. "I made a flippant comment. I'm not prepared to get into an ongoing discussion on my presumed prejudice against Porthcawl because I don't have one."

Liz Bradfield **(Local democracy reporter)/ GEM staff**

Bridgend Quiz League latest

THE latest results from the Bridgend Quiz League for March 29 are:

Laleston Inn A 35, Mackworth Arms 34; TyRisha Arms 42, Tondu Railway Club 50; Penybont AFC Nomads 50, Five Bells A 33; Chatterton Shunters 2, Oddfellows Arms No match; Five Bells B 42, Pheasant Gamekeepers 42; Prince of Wales Coychurch 44, Cabo Roche 50; Six Bells Clangers 46, Laleston Inn B 49.

Here are this week's teasers:

1. Gaston, LeFou and Maurice are characters in which Disney film?

2. Cheyenne is the capital and most populous city of which US state?

3. Which Scottish female singer released her solo albums 'Melody' in 2008 and 'The Movie Songbook' in 2010?

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Answers: 1. Beauty and the Beast; 2. Wyoming; 3. Sharleen Spiteri.

WI members try seated zumba

COITY WI members were recently put through their paces by local zumba instructor, Gigi Hodgkinson.

Gigi holds regular sessions at local venues but on this occasion came to the monthly meeting to lead the ladies in seated zumba. The session was very enjoyable with lots of laughs and a good workout to take everyone into spring with a smile.

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Last precious moments of cat which had been missing for nine years

A 20-YEAR-old cat who had been missing for nine years was reunited for some precious time with her owner before having to be put to sleep.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Cooper was called in to rescue the injured cat Babsy from Rectory Close, Sarn, and was immediately concerned about her health. "She looked extremely old, was very matted and was wobbly on her legs. She also appeared to have some problems with her vision.

"I scanned her and to my surprise she was microchipped, so I contacted the details on the chip. I couldn't believe it – she had been missing for nine years and was now 20 years old!

"Her owner was so shocked. Luckily, he had not moved address or changed his number so we were able to return her straight away. He assumed she would have died years ago." Babsy was found five miles from home and would have crossed the M4 at some point. She was born in January 1999 and Cats Protection found her a home with Mike Marshall.

Mr Mike Marshall was able to enjoy two last precious hours with Babsy before she had to be put to sleep.

Inspector Cooper said: "When I handed her to back to her owner, she recognised him instantly and began to purr. It was certainly a goose bump moment!

"He took her straight to the vets as she clearly had problems associated with her age and unfortunately, due to many health issues and her age, the vet advised she be put to sleep. It is so very sad, but at least she got to be with her owner one last time and he was there at the end. It is a mystery what she has been doing over the past nine years, but she must have been looked after by someone to reach 20 years old."

Mr Marshall said: "I would like to thank the RSPCA inspector for her kindness in returning her back home to me. On a visit to the vet she was discovered to be blind, had severe mobility issues and her overall physical deterioration would have necessitated sedation and anaesthesia before any detailed assessment and treatment could be undertaken.

"It was deemed she would have been unlikely to survive these procedures and undertaking them would have caused her unnecessary distress and suffering.

"Clearly, her 20-year life as a fully active and adventurous cat had run its course and reluctantly it was decided to let her go peacefully. She came home for her last couple of hours, and for that, I will be forever grateful to those who showed their kindness and compassion."

He added: "I would also ask anyone who has concerns for any animal they may suspect of being a stray to arrange for them to be scanned for a chip as they may well be someone's much-missed companion. It's a little painful to realise that Babsy was so near, yet so far away for all those years."

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Vegan fair in Penarth

ABSOLUTELY Fabulous Vegan Fairs are hosting a Mother's Day event in the Paget Rooms on Victoria Road, Penarth (CF64 3EG) between 1pm and 5pm on March 31. Admission £1 adults, children free.

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Bowls in Rhoose

RHOOSE Bowls Club in Celtic Way is holding open days on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31 starting at 1pm on each day. Come and find out what the game of bowls involves.

Spring fair

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a spring fair on Tuesday, April 2 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, from 10am to 12 noon; admission is free.

There will be a wide range of stalls including homemade cakes, crafts and books; also a raffle with many attractive prizes. An Age Connects welfare rights adviser will be available to chat to. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Senior Health Shop, helping the community. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

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Local good citizens are honoured at the Bridgend Mayor's Citizenship Awards

SOME of Bridgend county borough's kindest residents have been given awards as a 'thank you' from local people.

Volunteers, charity champions, and other pillars of local neighbourhoods were put in the spotlight at this year's Mayor's Citizenship Awards, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Among the winners was Kat Clatworthy from Cefn Cribwr, who has set up a social enterprise in memory of her father, which is centred on the creative arts industry.

The Eagles Eleven Productions social enterprise has a particular focus on providing opportunities for people who are suffering from various illnesses or disabilities, and it has made a positive difference to many people's lives.

Schoolgirl Hollie Evans was this year's youngest award recipient. The 11-year-old Litchard Primary pupil was nominated for an award because of the way she raises positive awareness for Down's Syndrome, as well as her charitable exploits in aid of children with cancer.

Other charity champions rewarded by the Mayor, Cllr John McCarthy, were Bryntirion resident Jean Gorick who has been a fundraiser for the Poppy Appeal for nearly 40 years, and Porthcawl's Jason Hemsley, who has raised thousands for Heronsbridge School and several charities.

Pencoed shopkeeper David Baynham is someone else who can always be relied on to support a great cause, and received his award for the various ways he is rekindling the old values of community spirit.

Several outstanding volunteers were thanked for their efforts, including Charlie Baker from Maesteg who is a volunteer mentor for children with autistic spectrum disorders. John Hornsby picked up his award in recognition of the way he has given up his time to help a string of organisations in Porthcawl over three decades, while Christopher Davies was singled out for his voluntary work in Caerau.

Two other Caerau residents, Graham and Janice Dawe, were praised for their involvement in the Caerau Development Trust.

The volunteers who run the Techtivity Club in Porthcawl also picked up an award. The Porthcawl-based club enables children with various difficulties to meet up and play with technology and software that is suitable for their needs. Parents appreciate the effort the volunteers put into creating a safe environment where the children feel accepted, supported and never judged.

Several of this year's Mayor's Citizenship Award winners are making a big impact on the health of local young people and teaching them positive values. Stephen Williams has helped Sker and Pink Bay Lifeguards Club go from strength to strength, while Natalie Davies is energising the Llynfi Valley with her Funk Force dance club.

Jeff Copp has helped countless numbers of local people of all ages to discover and develop their martial arts skills at the Warriors Kickboxing Club for more than 20 years, while Michael Punter's contribution to Brackla RFC was also commended.

Cllr John McCarthy said: "Each year, the residents of Bridgend County Borough are asked to nominate those local heroes who have put their community on the map, or regularly go the extra mile to make a real difference through their voluntary work, charity fundraising or all-round good citizenship.

"The standard of nominations was extremely high and it was certainly a tough call to decide who should receive awards. It was really humbling to hear about the winners' achievements and I was thrilled to present them with awards to give them the appreciation they deserve. All of these inspirational individuals show that the county borough of Bridgend has a great deal to be proud of. Congratulations to each and every winner."

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See more photographs of award recipients on the facing page.

The winners group, photographed in the council chambers..

Jeff Copp.

Hollie Evans with the Mayor, Cllr John McCarthy.

Charlie Baker.

John Hornsby.

Jason Hemsley.

David Baynham.

Kat Clatworthy.

Jean Gorick.

The joint award for Graham and Janice Dawe was received by Graham.

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I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objectors/supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643675.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012

P/19/124/FUL Car sales forecourt and ancillary sales office portacabin with access off Heol Mostyn - Pyle Garden Centre Heol Mostyn Village Farm Industrial Estate Pyle by Pyle Garden Centre.

P/19/140/FUL Development of a Police Learning Centre, gymnasium, site regrading, access, car parking and associated works - South Wales Police Headquarters Cowbridge Road Bridgend by Police & Crime Commissioner for South Wales Police.

The above proposed developments do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

RESPOND BY: 10/04/2019

Jonathan Parsons - Group Manager Planning and Development Services / Rheolwr Grŵp Gwasanaethau Cynllunio a Datblygu 28/03/2019

Local people honoured

The team at Techtivity in Porthcawl were honoured.

Christopher Davies.

Michael Punter.

Natalie Davies

Stephen Williams.

Writing groups' RNLI donation

PORTHCAWL U3A's writing groups raised over £1,100 from sales of their book 'A Write Crew'. Pictured are Jo Brooks and Malcolm Cowper presenting a cheque to the Lifeboat crew.

Police urge vigilance after children are reportedly approached by strangers in area

OFFICERS are asking residents in the Cefn Glas and Bryntirion areas of Bridgend to be vigilant following suspicious incidents in which children were reportedly approached by strangers.

On Wednesday, March 20 a girl reported that she had been approached by a man in a car while she was walking along Llangewydd Road at around 8.45am.

He is described as being white with grey/black hair, in his 30s and was driving a dark coloured car.

On March 23, a girl reported that while walking her dog along Barnes Avenue at around 6.10pm, she was approached by a man in a car who asked if she wanted a lift. The girl refused and the car left.

The vehicle is described as a dark red car. The man is described as being white, in his 60s, wearing glasses, grey hair with short back and sides, and of slim build.

On March 25, a 13-year-old boy has reported being approached by a car while walking along Bryntirion Hill at around 7.20pm. The car is described as a small black vehicle, possibly a Renault Clio. The occupants of the vehicle were a woman in her 20s and a man in his 30s.

Officers are continuing to check CCTV in the area and will be conducting increased patrols for reassurance.

Local Policing Deputy Inspector Jason Wilcox said: "The public is understandably concerned about incidents of this nature but I want to reassure them that these incidents are being thoroughly investigated. I would appeal to anyone who witnesses anything suspicious or who believes they have information which could assist the investigation, to contact us via 101 quoting reference 1900099198.

"I urge parents to make their children aware and advise them that if they are approached by strangers in vehicles, they should find a safe place and make someone they know aware, such as a parent or teacher.

"They should also call us to report it on 101 or 999 in an emergency."

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Young beekeeper is featured in volunteering exhibition

A 16-YEAR-old beekeeper from Bridgend has been featured in 'Being the Change', a photography exhibition by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), with the BAFTA winning photographer Warren Orchard.

Dafydd Pett was among 11 volunteers and charity employees to be highlighted in the exhibition, hosted at WCVA's event gofod3, in Cardiff City Stadium, visited by the First Minister Mark Drakeford and Deputy Minister Jane Hutt.

Beekeeping has been in Dafydd's family for over 50 years. His grandfather, Mike, was a well-known beekeeper who founded Pant Derwen Apiary. Dafydd started beekeeping at just 11, with one hive. Two years ago Mike died, with Dafydd inheriting 40 hives.

Today, the 16-year-old remains the youngest member of the Bridgend and District Beekeepers Association. Their experienced support network has been invaluable, particularly the beginner course that Dafydd attended twice (he confesses that, quite understandably, he wasn't listening the first time).

Dafydd will travel to Slovakia in 2019. He will be one of three Welsh representatives at the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers. He admits to being "a bit of a tree-hugger" and environmentalist, because "a third of our food would disappear without bees".

Under his management, the company has grown to 70 hives and is turning a small profit.

WCVA commissioned the Bafta Cymru-winning photographer Warren Orchard, who predominantly works in the media and advertising sectors, to showcase 11 charities and social enterprises – all WCVA members – in order to draw attention to the powerful contribution of charity workers and volunteers across Wales.

WCVA chief executive Ruth Marks says: "Our exhibition by the talented Warren Orchard really does reflect the humanity and good in all of us. These images just represent a fraction of the thousands of people up and down the country who make life better for their respective communities."

All images were taken by photographer Warren Orchard who predominantly works within the media and advertising sectors, for the likes of Netflix, Channel 4, Universal and Warner Brothers, recently winning a Bafta Cymru for his title sequence for the TV series Hinterland / Y Gwyll.

The 'Being the Change' exhibition will travel to Llanrwst for the National Eisteddfod of Wales between August 3 and 10.

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Art exhibition opens in Pontycymer

A new exhibition, entitled 'Scale' has opened in Studio 18, the Pontycymer gallery created by Kevin Sinnott.

It will run for the next four weeks, closing on April 27, in Oxford Street, Pontycymmer CF32 8DB. The exhibition is open Thursday and Friday (2pm to 5pm) and Saturday (10am to 2pm).

The exhibition includes work by Kevin Sinnott, Peter Prendergast, Shani Rhys James, Ceri Richards, John Selway and Emrys Williams, among others.

Kevin Sinnott told The GEM: "Studio 18 is thrilled to bring together for the first time, by way of comparison and contrast, large and small scale work by some of the most prominent Welsh artists past and present.

"The exhibition is called 'Scale' because of the emphasis we feel should be placed on the unique importance of size to that aspect of painting's art form."

Kevin Sinnott's gallery was certainly designed with scale in mind, as there is space for large artworks by Shani Rhys James and Emrys Williams, among others.

However, the largest picture in the show is 'Liebestod' by Mr Sinnott himself, which measures five metres by 4.5 metres. Kevin believes it is the largest moveable painting ever made in Wales, and it will be dismantled soon after the exhibition is concluded.

GEM NOTE: For further information email mail@kevinsinnott.co.uk or telephone 07791 295146

'Walk in her Name 2019' this Sunday

HUNDREDS of people are expected to take part in the 'Walk in her Name' event this weekend to honour local people fighting cancer and to remember those who have passed away because of it.

The walk takes place this Mother's Day, Sunday, March 31 starting at Barry cemetery at midday. The event is organised by Alison Woolcock who was named 'Fundraiser of the Year' last year by Nation Radio.

She told The GEM she is still inspired by the memory of her sister Lesley who was a tireless campaigner who raised awareness of ovarian cancer. Alison explained: "It is nearly three years since Lesley's untimely death from ovarian cancer, but she continues to inspire me to continue raising awareness of the importance of early diagnosis because she fought to live and didn't want other people to have the same experiences as her.

"It is very sad that Wales has the worst outcomes in the whole of Europe when it comes to the treatment of women with ovarian cancer, and even more poignant that ovarian cancer success rates remain at the same level as the 1970s.

"Lesley's strength was her ability to make people feel welcome, wanted and comfortable and this event promotes us all to unite together and support one another to recognise and honour those in our community who have had cancer.

"Lesley would love the fact that her family continue to campaign on this issue. We saw for ourselves how this horrible disease stole her life and stopped her from being here today.

"She has three beautiful grandchildren who she doesn't get to see, a husband who pines for her and so many people who miss her smile and love of life."

On Facebook, Walk in her Name has posted profiles of inspirational people who have been affected by or coped with cancer. People who take part in Walk in her Name donate £10 each which goes to Ovarian Cancer Action.

Alison said: "The walk goes down Tynewydd Road, along Gladstone Road and then across the Waterfront until we get to Lesley's bench at the gardens on Barry Island. After a short break, where snacks and drinks will be provided, the walkers can return along the same route."

Afterwards, walkers are welcome to gather at Tynewydd Inn. The church at the cemetery will opened by the Friends of Barry Cemetery so people can light candles in memory of loved ones. If people want to make an online donation to Ovarian Cancer Action, they can go to *www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-woolcock2.*

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Lesley and Alison.

Local terpsichoreans set to perform in Swan Lake

THE FIVE pupils from around the Vale pictured are members of The Legat Foundation of Russian Classical Ballet, in Cowbridge.

They have been accepted by The National Youth Ballet and will perform in *Swan Lake* in August.

Isabella Vaughan and Anna Lycett attend the Moya Vahey school of Russian Classical Ballet in Cowbridge.

Thea Martin, Delal Duman and Mari-Jen Griffith attend the Ella Morgan school of Russian Classical Ballet, held in Pontyclun Community Centre.

These dancers follow the success of Rachel Brookes-Bent and Llewelyn Brown, who will be dancing in Mathew Bourne's *Romeo and Juliet* in June, and William Griffin who is dancing in the Bulgarian Ballet.

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Local Interact Club helps to raise £833 for charity

LAST week, representatives of the Llantwit Major Interact Club were guests at dinner with the town's Rotary Club meeting at the West House Hotel.

Rotary president Gareth Rees welcomed the group, led by its president, Victoria White. Victoria said that this year, the Interact club had raised £833 for their charities and had had fun doing it.

The group of club officers and members would be leaving after taking A-Levels later this year, but a new committee of students had been elected to carry on with their work in the community.

Mr Rees said that at a time when young people often attract bad or negative publicity, the whole community of Llantwit Major should be proud of its excellent school and of the positive example that has been set by members of Interact.

Later, Gareth Cheesman and his wife Jan gave an account of their recent Great Silk Road Adventure.

Shortly after arriving back, Mr and Mrs Cheesman flew out to the Philippines on behalf of Rotary District 1150 to present new fishing boats to an area affected by a tsunami.

President Gareth Rees is pictured with officers and members of Llantwit Major Interact Club.

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Emmaus celebrates four good years in Cowbridge

The Emmaus shop in Cowbridge celebrated its birthday in style. Photo by Bobby Thomas.

THE Emmaus South Wales' charity shop on the high street in Cowbridge celebrated its fourth birthday recently.

The Cowbridge shop opened in 2015 and has been part of the Cowbridge community ever since. To celebrate the occasion, the shop was adorned with bunting and decorations and there were also special offers throughout the day for customers.

Jeane, co-shop manager said: "We celebrated our fourth birthday in style with nibbles and non-alcoholic fizz for our customers to enjoy. Emmaus has been in Cowbridge for four years, but the past two years have been the best years for us. The Emmaus shop has become a popular shopping destination for both regular customers and visitors to Cowbridge.

"We are very grateful to have such a committed and passionate team of staff, companions and volunteers who really make this shop what it is. Thank you again to all our lovely customers and local community for their continued support."

Emmaus South Wales is a homelessness charity based in Bridgend that offers a home and meaningful work opportunities for people facing homelessness. Their seven shops throughout south Wales not only provide the funds to support their community home in Cefn Glas, but also provide valuable work opportunities for companions (as the formerly homeless individuals the charity support are known).

Want to know more about Emmaus South Wales? Visit their website *www.emmaus-southwales.org.uk*

Food Collective holds charity buffet

THE Cowbridge Food Collective held a charity buffet evening on March 21 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The Food Collective is a weekly online farmers market, where people can buy locally-produced food through the website and then collect their shopping from the school on a Thursday evening.

Students from Cowbridge Comprehensive School did a brilliant job of selling raffle tickets to raise money for the Jack Griffiths Memorial Garden, and raised £219. A total of £550 was raised for the school's other charity, Farm to City Children. Everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and was amazed by the quality and great value of all the food.

If you would like to shop on the Collective, log on to *www.cowbridgefoodcollective.co.uk* or more information.

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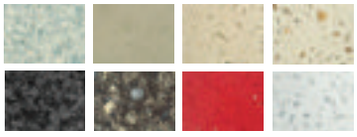

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Your chance to have a say on Vale parking charges

THE proposed introduction of new parking charges has been a contentious issue in recent weeks and a special session of the Vale's environment and regeneration committee on Thursday, April 4, will put them under the spotlight.

Members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting if they register in advance.

The meeting starts at 4.30pm with parking issues discussed at 6pm, and councillors could propose changes to the car parking strategy. Three hours have been allocated to the debate.

Cllr Vincent Bailey, who chairs the committee, said members of the public were welcome to attend and make their views known.

He said: "This is the last chance to ensure that your concerns are listened to, and to make sure that any plans for parking charges don't cause irreparable damage – particularly to our struggling high streets.

"I have serious concerns over the impact that charges could have, especially when you consider the impact of out-of-town shopping centres like Culverhouse Cross and McArthur Glen which offer free parking.

"The strategy also affects our country parks and coastal car parks, so everyone will be affected in a range of ways by these plans to generate income for the council.

"That's why we want to see as many people as possible at the committee session next week."

The Vale Council says it has to introduce the new charges to raise additional income to deliver services residents need, and to maintain the Vale's car parks.

Members of the public must register to speak by Wednesday, April 3 on the Vale Council website. For more information go to: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/scrutiny/scrutiny.aspx

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Fishing competition to be held to remember Martin

UNEXPECTEDLY, but peacefully on March 15, our loving father Martin Burke passed away.

In his honour, and to raise funds for the funeral, we are holding a fishing tournament on March 30 and we would like to invite one and all to take part. The event has been organised by my father's wonderful friends Milo, Gareth, David and Lee, so this is not a professional competition and amateurs and professionals alike are more than welcome to attend.

The venue will be Cold Knap; arrive at the Knap by 7.30am where you will collect a scorecard and start fishing from 8.30am.

Scales measured in pounds will be there on the day for weighing, you can use two rods and any rig. You can use any baits, and the heaviest fish will win the Martin Burke Trophy.

The second, third, fourth and fifth heaviest fish will each win a donated prize on the day.

Fish will be weighed using scales ONLY and released as soon as possible; you will fish until 4.30pm and must be back for weigh-in by 5pm.

Raffle tickets will also be available on the day and we are asking for a donation of £5 for the event: all

proceeds will be put towards funeral costs. An award ceremony will be held at Barry Island Sport and Social Club.

SWSA run by Rob Cole has kindly agreed to sponsor the meet, and supply WFSA score cards on the day. We hope to see you there! A page for the event is available on Facebook for any questions or queries under the name 'Martin Burke Fishing Cup Event' or telephone 07842 113443

With many thanks from Martin's children Robert and Jessica Wylie and all his family and friends.

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'Questions to answer over J34 link road', says AM

RESIDENTS' concerns about Welsh Government plans to build a link road between the A48 and M4 Junction 34 must be addressed, south Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies claimed there was a "general consensus" among local residents that improvements to the existing road were required, but that the current plans were both "disproportionate and inappropriate".

He questioned the necessity of plans to build a completely new section of road through Pendoylan – including a potential viaduct that would slice through residents' homes.

At least nine residents are currently at risk of losing their homes, while objections to the WelTag1 consultation were largely ignored.

He also claimed the decision to prioritise the road, hugely unpopular with local residents, over the much championed Dinas Powys by-pass was "strange".

Mr Davies has raised concerns in the Senedd, pointing out the project would only go ahead with Welsh Government support, and that a statement from ministers was required.

Mr Davies said: "Most people are in agreement that we need better links between the M4 and A48, but there are legitimate concerns over these plans and whether they amount to a white elephant.

"There has been insufficient engagement with local residents who only found out by chance that a new viaduct could be built directly on the boundary with their properties.

"This project will not go ahead without Welsh Government backing. Regardless of your views on it, it is bizarre that it is seemingly being prioritised over the Dinas Powys by-pass, a hugely popular proposal, while this project has rightly worried many local people."

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Sky notes: looking at April skies

URSA Major, the great bear, (the Plough), the most recognisable part of the constellation, is now almost overhead.

The two leading stars (the pointers) show the way to our pole star. Draw an imaginary line from them downwards towards the northern horizon and about halfway down is the pole star.

Polaris is around 700 light years away and perhaps as much as 5,000 times as luminous as our Sun. The pole star is part of another constellation - Ursa Minor - the little bear. It is not as large or as striking as the Plough, but does look similar, almost like a mini plough.

Everything revolves around the pole star, although due to precession, the current pole star did not always hold this status. Many years in the future, the celestial pole will lie near the even brighter star Vega in the constellation of Lyre.

In the opposite direction, use the pointers and draw an imaginary line down towards the southern horizon. About half way down, you will come across Leo the Lion.

The main part always reminds me of a backward facing question mark and the full stop is marked by a very bright star, Regulus. On the 14th and 15th of the month, the Moon lies close to Regulus and should help identify the constellation.

When the Moon is out of the way, use a pair of binoculars to help identify a couple of bright stars, Gamma, half way up the question mark and Mu, at the top of the question mark. They will both have a lovely orange hue.

While we are looking at the colour of different stars, go back to the plough, locate the end star opposite the pointers and draw an imaginary line, this time in the shape of a curve, and you will find Arcturus, the brightest star in the constellation of Bootes.

Arcturus is one of the brightest stars in the sky and even your naked eye should show up its distinct orange colour. Binoculars will confirm this. Arcturus lies quite close to us and is much more luminous than our Sun. Use the Moon to help you locate the planet Venus in the morning sky on the 2nd, Jupiter in the morning of 23rd and 24th and Saturn in the morning of 25th and 26th.

Visit www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for details of meetings to observe the night sky.

Dave Powell

Get a March on your spring planting…

ANYONE stirred by the onset of spring, looking wistfully at what a wet and windy winter has done to their garden should drop in on a plant sale on Saturday, March 30 at St Augustine's Church at Church Place South, Penarth from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a variety of seedlings, cuttings, plants ready to pot on, and much more.

Volunteers will be working on the churchyard and visitors are welcome to ask for a guided tour and stay for refreshments.

The event has been organised by the Friends of St Augustine's Habitat and Heritage group

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Sam Davies Ward celebrates nurse's award-winning night

ON March 15 at City Hall, Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board held its eighth annual Staff Recognition Awards ceremony.

Colleagues and managers nominate individuals for their contribution to the delivery of the Health Board's aims and objectives. Sister Linda Edwards received two awards on the night - Joint Manager of the Year and a Special Commendation from Maria Battle, the chair of Cardiff and the Vale UHB.

Sister Edwards said: "I am very honoured to have received two awards but could not have done this without an excellent team behind me on the Sam Davies Ward, Barry Hospital."

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Ovarian cancer: what are the symptoms?

BARRY'S 'Walk in her Name' this Mother's Day (March 31), is raising funds for the charity Ovarian Cancer Action.

The symptoms of ovarian cancer can be very vague, particularly when the disease is in its early stages. What signs and symptoms should women look out for?

Women should see their doctor if they are feeling full quickly, have lost their appetite, have pain in the abdomen or lower part of the abdomen that won't go away, bloating or an increase in the size of the abdomen and needing to wee more often.

Other symptoms include unexplained tiredness, unexplained weight loss, changes in bowel habits or symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome especially if this starts after the age of 50. They are also symptoms of other less serious conditions, but it is advisable for them to be checked by your doctor.

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Earth Hour beach clean

BARRY Action for Nature are organising an Earth Hour torchlight beach clean and serving Fairtrade tea, coffee and Welsh cakes from one of the Barry Island beach huts.

Volunteers are needed for the 30 minute beach clean and to celebrate the start of WWF's Earth Hour on Sunday, March 30 at 8.30pm. All litter picking equipment will be supplied but please bring a torch. There will be a £2 charge for refreshments and all profits will be donated to WWF.

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On the right track with Speed of Sight

THE conditions were bright, dry, and crisp, perfect for the recent visit to Llandow Circuit by the charity Speed of Sight, which was on its third visit to Llandow, and the first in the 2019 season of track days at circuits across the UK.

Founded by Mike Newman – eight-time World Record holder, including seven Guinness World Records – who is the fastest blind man on the planet on land and water, Speed of Sight offers tutored track and driving experiences to people of all ages with a range of disabilities.

One of those taking part was 'Joseph'. Going on 13 and accompanied by his stepfather 'Andrew'.

The young man was clearly excited by the prospect of taking out a dual-control, automatic racing car.

Before his drive, he said: "I can't believe I'm going to drive a real racing car! I drove small cars at Legoland and reversed my stepdad's MX5 down the drive (Andrew was quick to point out that it took place on a private road, the engine was off, and his hand was on the handbrake the entire time), but I am going to drive a real car!"

Every good track day begins with brekker of a bacon sandwich and a mug of builder's, and the cafe at the track provided a first-class one for all concerned.

After a safety briefing, Joseph picked the car he wanted to drive, a white Lotus 7-style car – called Simon, after one of Mike's guide dogs – with, coincidentally, an MX5 chassis and engine.

Seated in the cockpit next to his instructor, Phil, Joseph first put on a balaclava, then helmet, while Mike strapped him in.

And then they were off, slowly at first but gaining speed on each successive lap.

"I can't see him," began Andrew of the car on the far side of the 1.45-kilometre track, "but I can hear Joseph – and Phil – getting faster and faster all the time."

Joseph's 20 minutes came to an end, and, as he drove into the pit lane, he was received with tumultuous applause.

"It was GREAT!" said Joseph, beaming and bounding out of the car, "just great! Can I come back to do it again?"

Speed of Sight has just a couple of full-time staff and relies on volunteers at its HQ in Bolton near Manchester and at the circuits it visits.

Afterwards, talking with Andrew and volunteers, and just before a group of pupils from a local special school arrived, they gave an insight into what it means to them.

"I am unbelievably proud of Joseph," began Andrew, "week on week he is developing beyond the levels some thought he could, and experiences like this – he will probably never live independently, let alone be able to drive – don't make him exceptional in the wider world, but rather make him 'normal', doing things that perhaps the rest of us take for granted.

"That is what makes his mother and me so proud."

Volunteers echoed these sentiments, adding that the confidence boost it gives, and the change it can make in a person, can be extraordinary.

One volunteer said: "I know of a young man, 'Paul', who couldn't go anywhere without a toy animal, which he used as a form of comfort.

"We told Paul that he couldn't hold his toy and drive, so he had to leave it with us. He was reluctant at first, but gave it to us and drove, taking it back afterwards. However, the next track day Paul came on, he put the toy down without being asked, and the next track day after that, he didn't bring the toy and his parents said he didn't rely on it any longer.

"It seems like so little, but really it's such progress and such a life-changing achievement. It's pretty humbling to be part of it."

Speed of Sight will return to Llandow Circuit on July 30 and 31 (Tuesday and Wednesday), and some spaces are still available. For further information, visit www.speedofsight.org.

The charity is always on the lookout for donors, both individual and corporate, to fund its activities, as well as people that can donate their time and expertise.

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Out & About with The GEM

A masterpiece? Us is a bravura and exceptional piece of filmmaking...

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CHANCES are if you had heard of Jordan Peele before 2017, it was through his comedy partnership with Keegan-Michael Key.

However, all that changed after Peele's *Get Out*, a satirically-charged horror, wowed audiences and critics alike, bagging Peele an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay into the bargain, and building anticipation for his follow-up.

That finally arrives in *Us*, a film which tells the story of a family led by Lupita Nyong'o's Adelaide and Winston Duke's Gabe, who are on vacation in Santa Cruz. When they are accosted in their home by four doppelgangers intent on causing them harm, it sets in motion events that leave the family in a state of shock and trying to stay one step ahead of the trouble that lies in store for them...

Given that *Get Out* was Jordan Peele's directorial debut, it belied the smarts and savvy of a writer-director who was comfortable using genre tropes to speak out about social concerns.

The gigantic success of that film means that *Us* comes with an incredible amount of hype, yet it takes the tone and style of *Get Out* and shows ambition, growth and an impeccable confidence – it isn't hyperbole to suggest that this film is one of the most powerful and unsettling films of the last few years.

Peele's background in comedy means that his work comes leavened with a dark humour and *Us* is no different; it's a disservice to label it as a horror-comedy, making it sound trite, but this is a film that manages to be brutal yet human, that blackly comedic streak running through the film throughout.

While *Get Out* was a comment on race in America, *Us* seems to be Peele passing comment on living in a world where atrocities and the human capacity to be shocked by them or to be caught up in them grows ever bigger.

It's a clever trick that many directors and writers use, to take big themes but present them through the lens of genre filmmaking, and Peele gets this spot on; look for the allegories and they're there, making it an intelligent and deep piece of work; yet choose to look purely at the surface and you have a chilling and primal horror film, one that comes wearing the influences of such as Alfred Hitchcock, *The Twilight Zone* (a modern version of which Peele is executively producing) and slasher films and giving them a little twist.

There is a visual ambition, a narrative scope that is bold and Peele shows incredible confidence and assuredness to make something so compelling, so rich in detail. He has a cast that are all incredible, Lupita Nyong'o especially inspired as Adelaide and, as the story progresses, her doppelganger.

To delve any deeper would provide reveals that are best experienced in the cinema rather than being read in a review, but Nyong'o, Winston Duke, Shahadi Wright Joseph and Evan Alex (the family unit who are overrun) all shine brightly with some stunning performances.

Nyong'o, however, is the star of the show, the talented actress handling all the emotions and delivering a thoroughly powerful, and at times jaw-dropping, performance.

You could be slightly cold-hearted and suggest that *Us* lacks any real scares; that, when push comes to shove, it becomes maybe a little too genre-based given Peele's ambitions, but to bemoan these slight flaws means not looking at the bigger picture.

That picture is one that, drawn by Peele, makes *Us* something so much more: a film that transcends genre, that realises its aim of being more than just a mere chiller thriller; Peele has made a film that overshadows the incredible *Get Out* and, just two films in, reinforces the hope that we have found another filmmaker who has the talent to balance thrill with intelligence, spectacle with social conscience.

VERDICT: A film that lingers long afterwards, that is brutal, bonkers, primal and unsettling, *Us* is a triumph for writer-director Jordan Peele, proof both that *Get Out* was no fluke, and also that he has the capacity and potential to be one of the smartest and compelling directors in modern cinema.

The cast are all superb, most notably Lupita Nyong'o's exceptional turn, and this is a film that is layered and dense, yet moves with graceful and powerful ease – a masterpiece? Perhaps. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Get Out* (2017), *The Strangers* (2008).

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What's on, and where?

An evening with gardening expert

COITY Village Association present 'An evening with Terry Walton', the BBC Radio gardening expert, at Gilead Chapel Hall on Saturday, April 6 from 7.30pm – a chance to ask all your gardening questions.

Admission is by ticket only, to include cheese and wine. Tickets (£5) available from CVA members and Coity Post Office and Stores. Visit Facebook@Coity Village Association for further details.

U3A concert

A SPRING concert will be held at Trinity Church, Woodland Place, Penarth on Saturday, April 6 at 2.30pm given by Sully University of the Third Age Singing for Pleasure and Cantabile, a vocal ensemble from Corpus Christi Catholic School, Cardiff.

The concert is in aid of Penarth Living at Home Scheme and the Alzeimer's Society; tickets £5.

Dinas Powys Players

THE Players will be *Keeping up Appearances* when they present the comedy featuring Hyacinth Bucket (Bouquet) from the BBC television series written by Roy Clarke, when Hyacinth attempts to prove her social superiority with hilarious consequences.

It takes place at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on April 11, 12 and 13. For tickets call 02920 512868, 07592 583794 or visit the village store on Station Road or Valley View Fruit and Veg store on Castle Drive, Dinas Powys.

What's on, and where?

Barry Stroke support group

THE Stroke Association is forming a new stroke support group in Barry for stroke survivors and their families on the first Thursday of each month, at the Age Connects cafe on Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm.

We offer friendly advice and support to anyone who has to deal with this debilitating condition. Come and meet others who are in a similar situation. Coffee and cakes available for a small fee.

Art exhibition for MIND

LOCAL artist Rhys Horler is exhibiting his artworks at the Travellers' Gallery, Barry Station, with 20 per cent of the takings going to the mental health charity MIND.

The exhibition, entitled 'Super Heroes', opened on March 25 and will run until Friday, May 10 and is open on weekdays from 7am until midday.

Railway talk

THE March lecture of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place at 7.30pm at The Penarth Conservative Club (CF64 2EZ) on Thursday, March 28 when David Franklin will describe a journey across Canada on 'The Canadian'.

Art Society

ON Thursday, March 28, the Cowbridge Art Society holds its last meeting of the spring term with an illustrated lecture by art history lecturer, Eleanor Bird from Monmouth, on 'Modernism and Abstraction: Key moments in Art'.

The summer term starts on May 2 with a visit by Cardiff artist, teacher and demonstrator Howard Jones, who will give a demonstration using mixed media.

CAS welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists for demonstrations of art technique or illustrated lectures.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm–9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For further details, collect a programme from the Old Hall or see *www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas* or Instagram*#cowbridgeartsociety*.

Coffee morning

Y BONT Crafters Club will hold their first seasonal coffee morning on March 30 at Laleston Gardening Club, Blandy Hall to help raise funds for local children's charity Y Bont, which supports babies and children with disabilities and additional needs.

Tickets are £1, available from Y Bont and includes tea/coffee. Stalls include craft and cake stands, raffle and tombola.

If you would like more information on how to get involved and support Y Bont, contact Paisley at *fundraising@ybont.com*.

U3A open day

COWBRIDGE U3A will hold an open day on Saturday, March 30 from 10am to 1pm in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall.

Refreshments available. See *www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge* for more information.

Vegan fair in Penarth

ABSOLUTELY Fabulous Vegan Fairs are hosting a Mother's Day event in the Paget Rooms on Victoria Road, Penarth (CF64 3EG) between 1pm and 5pm on March 31. Admission £1 adults, children free.

Raffle tickets - we have some fab prizes and new goods. Call Sue 02920 709292 for further information (although all stalls are taken now).

Bingo in Rhoose

THE management committee at Rhoose Community Hall are holding their monthly Bingo afternoon this Saturday, March 30.

The doors at the Stewart Road Hall will open at 1.30pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. At the half-time break, light refreshments will be provided together with the usual raffle. Please come and join us.

Beach clean in Barry

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' March beach clean will be on Sunday, March 31, at Jackson's Bay, Barry Island. Volunteers should meet near the bottom of the path near the beach for a 3pm start.

The beach clean is part of Keep Wales Tidy's Spring Clean events; the litter pick lasts for an hour and equipment will be supplied. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but ask that

Barry War Museum

A 'drop-in' event takes place at the museum on Wednesday, April 3, from 6pm to 8pm at the Old Railway Station, Barry Island.

Get 'In the Mood' with the sounds of '40s; try on period fashion, handle genuine World War One and World War Two military artefacts; see how rationing affected families during wartime and what happened during the Blitz; find out how women were involved in war and 'on the Home Front' and chat to our knowledgeable volunteers about your family's ancestors. Admission is free.

Valeways for Health in Penarth

VALEWAYS walking charity is delighted to announce a new Coffee Shop Stroller group in Penarth.

The walks will start from the cliff top car park at 2:30pm and are designed for people wanting that extra bit of encouragement. The scheme has proved a resounding success in Barry, Cosmeston, Cowbridge, and Llantwit Major.

Do you ever feel you should get out more? Make new friends? Keeping active is the best way to a long and healthy life. But it's sometimes difficult to get going – so Valeways makes it easy.

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New chefs cook up a treat for care home residents

A CARDIFF care home will be cooking up delights for residents, having welcomed a new kitchen team to its experienced line-up of dedicated staff and carers.

Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna, has taken on head chef Christopher Bohun to head up their kitchen and provide delicious and specifically tailored menus for residents.

Christopher (32), who has always had a love of cookery and cuisine, achieved an NVQ in catering after leaving school and then achieved a BTEC in catering at Cardiff and Vale College, formerly known as Coleg Glan Hafran.

During his career to date, he has built up a wide range of experience and has developed his own cooking style, working in a variety of kitchens in public houses, restaurants and high end care homes.

At Tŷ Llandaff, the duo is working on developing and delivering a healthy, balanced and varied menu that suits both the tastes and dietary requirements of the residents.

Christopher said: "I'm really excited to be getting started on the menu for Tŷ Llandaff. I use a 'food first' approach which focusses on nutrition and makes sure that the food is enriched with the goodness to meet individual needs. Older residents tend to lose fat more quickly so it is important that their food is rich in good fats and proteins, essential for energy and health, as well as food full of iron and vitamins.

"But of course, it is essential that the menu is tailored to the tastes of residents and also supports their social timetable. For example, I love to cook a hearty Sunday roast, which serves as a marking point in the week, usually proves very popular with residents, and is a great chance for people to come together over a meal and chat.

"My style of cooking is traditional British and French, which tends to go down well with our residents, and when presenting the menu I am careful to name dishes that are familiar to them so they are clear what we will be serving."

Sous chef Owain Jones (28), from Llandrindod Wells, received a glowing report from Christopher. He said: "Owain is a really motivated worker. Like me, he is keen to put the needs of the residents first and he's already engaging with the rest of the staff to make sure we're a fully integrated team.

"For success, you need a strong team behind you and I'm really excited to have such a strong motivated team behind me here at Tŷ Llandaff."

Tŷ Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "We are thrilled to have Christopher and Owain on board. Food is such an important part of care homelife, as the right menu can make someone feel at home, a delicious meal is good for the soul, and the right foods keep our residents healthy and well.

"Our new kitchen team have a great approach to their work, they are a perfect fit for the ethos of Tŷ Llandaff and are an excellent addition to our staff."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff, contact Janice on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaff-care.com

Say it with scones on Mother's Day

AFTERNOON tea at a fancy hotel or cafe is a lovely treat for any mum on Mother's Day but it can be expensive, especially if all the family want to join in.

Why not surprise her with afternoon tea made at home and served direct to the sofa? For the perfect 'thank you' on a plate, these scones are perfect.

You will need: 450g self-raising flour; 2 level tsp baking powder; 50g caster sugar; 100g butter, softened and cut into pieces; 2 free-range eggs; a little milk; sultanas or chopped glace cherries (optional).

Method: 1.Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan/Gas 7 and place in two baking trays.

2. Put the flour and baking powder in a large bowl. Add the butter and rub in with fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

3. Lightly beat the eggs in a measuring jug and add enough milk to make the total liquid 300ml/10 fl.oz. Stir the egg and milk into the flour mixture – you might not need it all – and mix to a soft, slightly sticky dough.

4. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface, knead lightly – being careful not to overwork the dough – and add sultanas or cherries, if using. Roll out the dough to about 2cm thick.

5. Using a 5cm/2in fluted cutter, cut into as many rounds as possible. Brush the tops with any leftover egg/milk mixture or extra milk.

6. Place the scones on the hot baking sheets and bake for approximately 10 minutes, until pale golden and well risen. Cool on rack.

7. To serve, split the scones and serve with jam and a dollop of clotted cream.

The scones can be served with small sandwiches and tea/Prosecco, depending on the preference of the mother.

Don't forget that presentation is everything, so use pretty china cups and plates – and make sure you wash the dishes afterwards!

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A call for veterans to mark the 75th anniversary of the Italian campaign

VETERANS from World War Two who fought in the Italian campaign are being invited by the travel arm of the Royal British Legion to take part in special 75th anniversary journeys of remembrance.

Veterans who fought in Italy can opt for a tour to either Monte Cassino and Salerno, or Monte Cassino and Anzio; a special tour to the National Memorial Arboretum is also on offer for those unable to travel overseas. The Treasury is enabling these free-of-charge tours, which are funded by LIBOR fines, and will enable a World War Two veteran to return with a family member and carer.

The Italian campaign proved to be a major turning point in World War Two but was also one of the hardest-fought battles. The allies came under heavy artillery fire and at times were knee-deep in mud and snow. Fortunately, in May 1944, the allies prevailed.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Italian campaign and the Royal British Legion is inviting veterans, who are now in their 90s, back to Italy to honour fallen comrades.

Nichola Rowlands-Smith, head of travel, Royal British Legion, explained: "The Italian campaign seems to be less well-known in the nation's history than other battles such as D-Day, yet it was another pivotal turning point in bringing to an end World War Two.

"We have a wonderful opportunity to take back those who fought, for them to pay their respects to fallen comrades, meet fellow veterans and lay old ghosts to rest."

The five-day Italian-based tours will include a service of remembrance at the Cassino war cemetery plus visits to Anzio war cemetery, Salerno Commonwealth war cemetery and the Beach Head war cemetery.

The tour will also take in significant battle sites, such as the Monte Cassino Abbey, as well as visits to local tourist locations. Veterans heading to the National Memorial Arboretum will take part in a four-day tour staying at the Hilton St Georges Park Hotel in Burton-upon-Trent. The tour will include a service of remembrance as well as visits to Cannock Chase cemetery and Staffordshire Regiment Museum.

The Royal British Legion has been running LIBOR-funded tours for the past five years. The tours are now available for all veterans who served in World War Two and this year will be running journeys of remembrance to Normandy, Berlin, Holland and Italy.

To find out more about the tours, or to sign up to one, visit the Royal British Legion's tour operator Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit *www.arenatravel.com/our-holidays/remembrance-travel.*

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Bro Radio announces the finalists in Community Awards

BRO Radio's Community Awards, sponsored by Wessex Garages Nissan, will take place on March 30 and will celebrate 10 years of Bro Radio, as well as outstanding individuals in the third sector, business, sport and local community who make living and working in the Vale so special.

Nominations were submitted by the public in 2018 and were whittled down to 31 finalists across 10 award categories and the winners will be announced during the awards evening.

Bro Radio will bring you updates from the awards on air and via its social media during the evening and you can find out more about the winners in next week's edition of The GEM.

Meet the Community Awards finalists

Young Person of the Year sponsored by Fun Harbour.

Harrison Baker: Six-year-old Harrison has been involved with the Cadoxton Conservation Group for the past two years, where he takes part in litter collection sessions. Picking up litter has become second nature to Harrison. He picks up litter on his way to school and will automatically pick up any litter on visits to the local beaches as he goes along.

Lola Pike: Lola has been unwell since she was a baby and has suffered from physical and medical conditions, but never complains and always has a smile on her face, despite facing daily challenges.

Lola has recently started at a specialist school and has taken to it very well. She understands that she is a little different from other children and that she sometimes needs extra help.

Daley Chapman: 17-year-old Daley was part of the Vale Youth Cabinet from 2016-2019 and Vale of Glamorgan Deputy Youth Mayor twice (2016/2017-2017/2018). Daley started at The Premier League Kicks project as a participant in 2015 and has since become a volunteer coach.

Daley is committed to his role and manages this alongside his studies, in which he is progressing ready to start university in September.

Volunteer of the Year sponsored by GVS

Janet Rees: Janet created a group called Cwtch Cymru for those suffering with depression and anxiety.

The group welcomes everyone, making them feel comfortable to be open with their feelings.

Janet is always looking for ways to promote Cwtch Cymru to ensure the service is available for those who need it. Last September Janet started a second group which runs in the evening, for those who could not make the morning group.

Phill Sedgmond: Sensei Phill Sedgmond is a karate teacher from Barry, who is described as being selfless and an amazing leader. On top of having a family and a full time job, Phill dedicates over 10 hours of his free time each week to teach karate on a voluntary basis.

Phill doesn't make a penny for his teaching, ensuring that they have the best experience possible as a part of Barry Kyokushin.

Nerys Thomas: Nerys has been a volunteer for Marie Curie for 15 years and is described as being the backbone of her group. Nerys is the treasurer of the Penarth fundraising group and organises a twice yearly quiz involving 30 teams, and is the caretaker for the collection and 'daffodil boxes'. Nerys not only raises money, but is also an ambassador for the charity completing four Marie Curie overseas treks.

Teacher of the Year sponsored by West Quay Estates and Lettings

Ian Piekielniak: Mr P, as he is known, teaches drama at Whitmore High School. He has been described as being kind, caring and hilarious. Mr P is an inspiration to his pupils and goes above and beyond with dedication and professionalism.

Kirsty Berry: Miss Berry is a popular teacher at St Cyres School in Penarth. Miss Berry has been described by a pupil as going above and beyond in her role. The pupil who nominated her joined the school in year 9, where Miss Berry ensured that she settled in, helping her to achieve two GCSEs so far.

Sarah Morris: Sarah is a learning support assistant at Gwenfo Church in Wales Primary School. She works 1:1 with a pupil who is a bilateral amputee. With Sarah's help, the pupil has made a breakthrough both physically and mentally.

Charity of the year sponsored by McDonald's Barry

Home Education Barry: HEB – Home Education Barry offers help and support to those who currently, or intend to, home educate their children. The group meet weekly to interact with other home educated children and for parents to be able to meet other like minded people.

Mind in the Vale: Mind in the Vale supports people with mental health problems, with three centres in Barry, Llantwit Major and Penarth. The public can drop in for advice or have one to one support sessions. Last year Mind in the Vale provided help to 2,524 people.

Vale Plus: Vale Plus is a charity based in Barry and Llantwit Major which provides lifelong learning opportunities for people with learning disabilites. It was established to provide continuing educational opportunities for people with learning disabilities after they had left full time education and currently supports 70 members.

Community Event of the Year sponsored by Barry Round Table

The Neil Lewis Memorial Concert: The concert was started in 2009 by Rhys Lewis, in memory of his late father Neil, a folk musician who found fame in the '70s working with Max Boyce. The event involves local bands coming together to perform free of change, raising £15,000 for local charities.

Santa Fun Run: The Santa Fun run started in 2016 as part of the Barry Town Council mayoral programme of events and is aimed at families, children, adults, able bodied and disabled. In that year over 400 people participated and it has now doubled in size, raising £3,000 for local charities.

Llantwit Major Pride: Major Pride took place on September 1, 2018 in Llantwit Major. It was the first ever Pride event to be held in the Vale. Organised in just six weeks, it brought together the young and old, townsfolk and rural communities alike to celebrate love, respect and togetherness.

Sports Star of the year sponsored by Cariad Café Bar

Josh Cook: Josh is a member of YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club and has this year become the Welsh Senior Men's All-Around Champion despite being the youngest senior gymnast. Josh's performance at the London Open in September resulted in him being invited to train with the British Top Squad alongside Britain's Olympic gymnasts.

Jeff Robinson: Jeff is an RAF veteran who served in six different war zones, specialising in Close Protection duties. A motorcycle accident left him with paralysis from the chest down, but despite this, he competed in the 2017 and 2018 Invictus Games where he went to win silver medals as part of the UK Wheelchair Rugby team.

Morgan Thomas: At the age of three, Morgan suffered a brain virus which left him having to learn how to walk and talk again, leaving him with balance and concentration issues growing up. Despite this, Morgan is achieving in athletics with the 100 metre sprint, he is currently 11.23 seconds and improving all the time.

Sporting Achievement of the Year sponsored by Sully Sports and Social Club

Peter Haysham: Peter, a former YMCA Barry Elite and Commonwealth Games gymnast, is the current Welsh national coach for Male Artistic in Wales. Pete is the personal coach of two senior gymnasts at YMCA Barry, Josh Cook and Iwan Mepham who both qualified to represent Wales in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games under his guidance.

Gavin Chesterfield: Gavin has been the manager of Barry Town United Football Club for over a decade, leading them to multiple promotions and championships against all odds, while setting up a thriving academy and growing the club to over 600 playing members. In November 2018, he reached his 400th game as manager.

Chloe McBratney: Chloe was diagnosed visually impaired with bilateral optic nerve hypoplasia and is registered blind. She started playing football age five, along with various other sports including basketball, in which she gained caps for Wales. Chloe is a volunteer coach with Barry Town Pan Disabilty and is currently undertaking her B licence.

Making a Difference through Business sponsored by the Glamorgan GEM

High Street Traders: The High Street Traders Association is a group of business owners from the High Street shopping quarter who organise a series of events that don't just benefit themselves and the shopping area, but the community in which they are located. Members of The High Street Traders give their own time to organise and attend events.

Holton Road Traders: The Holton Road Traders Association organises events which are aimed at the local community. The events are organised by traders on top of running their businesses, bringing local people together and helping promote the shopping area, which is currently seeing a decline in footfall. Events include a Christmas market which gave others the opportunity to experience trading in the town centre.

Cariad Café Bar: Cariad Café Bar have been open for just over a year and in that time its owners have made an effort to become a part of the community, helping people to raise around £10,000 for local causes. The owners hold a monthly 'Jazz and Gin night' and invite local fundraisers to come along and hold a raffle to raise money for their cause.

Triumph Over Adversity sponsored by Vale of Glamorgan Council

Rachel Degaetano: Rachel lost her son Chae to suicide in 2015 at the age of just 21. Since his death, Rachel has worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness of mental health, setting up the charity Gobaith. The aim of the charity was to create a centre that opens its doors and offers a welcome and safe environment to anyone that needs it.

Soraya Kelly: At the age of 48, Soraya was diagnosed with grade three breast cancer. During her recovery, Soraya set up #TheGlovesAreOn campaign and later The Soraya Kelly Foundation to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of the disease while raising money for various causes. Since May 2018, Soraya has already raised over £16,500 for local causes.

Charlotte Feldmeier: Despite suffering abuse herself, Charlotte devotes her time to promoting human welfare awareness, through providing physical and emotional support and social reforms. Charlotte helps the most vulnerable in society providing resources – including food, clothing, supplies, advocacy – acting as a liaison with agencies and authorities researching. Her autobiographical, self-help book titled Soul Murder, was released with 200 copies free of charge.

Bro Radio's Good Egg Award sponsored by HRA Accounting.

Ela Gamgee: Ela is a member of Billboard Ensemble and has recently started a theatre company called High Voltage, a drama group for people with special needs. The club has helped many individuals gain confidence and take part in the shows they have already put on in their first year. Ela is said to be an inspiration who goes above and beyond for the community.

Steve Blackman: Steven started Dementia Friendly Cowbridge together with Liz George (then Mayor) when he was president of Cowbridge Rotary Club. He now chairs DFC which works with the Alzheimer's Society to establish Cowbridge as a dementia friendly community. DFC runs sessions to help people become more aware of the needs of those living with dementia, and run two monthly cinema shows, activity afternoons and curry evenings.

Nicky Vickery: Nicky is volunteer garden manager at Gibby Green Fingers and also runs her own garden maintenance business. She helps young children in Gibbonsdown earn time credits through regular litter picking sessions. She works with people with learning difficulties, helping several to gain work experience at Gibby Green Fingers. Nicky is described as one of a kind and an old school community champion.

Last, but by no means least, the Vale Homework Club.

Cath Watkins created the Vale Homework Support Club over seven years ago with two others. The club helped children in Rhoose and eventually supported those living in rural Vale. Initially the club started with six children and has since grown to support over 250.

This leads to the Special Recognition Award.

During the nomination period, Bro Radio received multiple nominations for Cath Watkins, an individual who worked tirelessly to support those struggling in education in the village of Rhoose.

Cath created the Vale Homework Support Club over seven years ago and spent hours preparing work. Support was also offered to parents using the club and they were encouraged to understand the children's homework by offering continuous education for adults. Always showing professionalism, encouragement and passion, parents became friends and the children were enthusiastic to attend club and see their Auntie Cath.

After hearing so many individual stories about Cath and the Homework Club, Bro Radio's staff were devastated to hear that she passed away in December after battling cancer since 2004.

The decision was made to recognise, posthumoulsy, Cath at Bro Radio's Community Awards with a special recognition award celebrating her work.

Records smashed in Big Farmland Bird Count

A FANTASTIC effort from farmers have helped secure a best-ever year for the Big Farmland Bird Count (BFBC).

Results show 1,400 people – a 40 per cent increase on last year – recorded 140 species over one million acres in the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) initiative which took place between February 8 to 17. Encouragingly, a total of 30 red-listed species were recorded, with five appearing in the most-commonly seen species list.

These included fieldfares, starlings, house sparrows, yellowhammers and song thrushes, with the first four seen by over 30 per cent of the farms taking part.

The five most abundant birds seen were woodpigeons, starlings, lapwings, black-headed gulls and rooks. A total of 148,661 were found, making up nearly 50 per cent of the total number of birds recorded.

In Wales, 61 farmers took part recording 93 species across 25,172 acres. The most-commonly seen species were blackbird, blue tit, carrion crow, robin and great tit. A total of 20 red-listed species were recorded.

"It's brilliant to see an increase in the number of participants," said Jim Egan, who has co-ordinated the count for the past six years. The fact that in many cases, farmers and birders have worked together and inspired each other shows the power of sharing our skills and knowledge. Congratulations to everyone involved."

The average farm size of those taking part was 739 acres, with 66 per cent growing arable crops, 52 per cent having beef or sheep, and 13 per cent growing field vegetables. There were also dairy farms, horticulture units, poultry producers and pig producers submitting counts. The survey areas included important environmental features such as hedges, woodland ponds, grass margins, ditches and trees.

Minette Batters, president of the NFU, the main sponsor of the count, said: "It is often unappreciated that many farmers provide habitats and additional feeding for birds during the winter months. The Big Farmland Bird Count is a fantastic way for farmers to record the birdlife found on their farms. That is why I was really pleased that the NFU could sponsor this year's count and that so many more farmers took part."

"I'd like to thank all those farmers who braved Storm Erik on launch day to carry out the count despite driving rain and strong winds."

CLA vice-president Mark Tufnell said: "I am delighted to hear that 1,400 farmers, including many CLA members, took part this year. We saw and heard three pairs of grey partridges during our lookout, which was a real joy. It's one of the privileges of farming."

The BFBC was launched in 2014 to highlight the positive work done by farmers and gamekeepers in helping to reverse the decline in farmland birds. The count offers a simple means of recording the effect of any conservation work currently being instigated by farmers and gamekeepers on their land, such as scatter feeding birds through winter or growing crops specifically to provide seed for birds.

The GWCT would like to extend its thanks to NFU for sponsoring the BFBC, which it delivered in partnership with FWAG Association, LEAF, CLA, Kings and NFU Scotland.

To view the results in full, visit www.bfbc.org.uk/2019results.

Superbikes on their way to Llandow track

GT Superbikes.com of Talbot Green is organising its first 'super bike experience day' at Llandow race track on Saturday, June 29 this year.

Organisers are expecting around 500 people to attend, including motorcycle riders, family and friends.

Pitches for trade stands will be available. For more details, email *info@gtsuperbikes.com* or telephone 01443 449555.

Small voluntary groups benefit from questioning a member of The GEM!

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) was pleased to host a briefing session on March 15 with Andy Johnstone from The GEM newspaper.

Representatives from local voluntary groups benefitted from asking questions, gaining important tips and advice which would all help to contribute in gaining press coverage for their organisation.

Delegates who attended said: "The GEM representative was excellent. The aspect I found most useful was the advice on how best to structure an article, how to send it in, and use of photos."

The next briefing session, priced at £5 and aimed at small community groups, will take place in July 2019. A full list of GVS courses and briefing sessions can be found at *www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training* where you can also reserve places.

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email *enquiries@gvs.wales* or visit *www.gvs.wales*

Tarmac supports Woody's Lodge

A CHARITY which provides an inviting space for veterans of the Armed Forces, emergency services and Reservists across the Vale of Glamorgan has received a helping hand from Tarmac's Aberthaw plant.

melia Trust Volunteer Glyn Davies and caretaker, Neil Hardy outside the fenced area.

Woody's Lodge at the Amelia Trust Farm took an important delivery of Postcrete from Tarmac, which has allowed a fence to be erected around the bunkhouse area that Woody's Lodge occupies during the week. The fencing now means that veterans, many of whom suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have privacy as they receive support at the Vale base.

Woody's Lodge opened its doors at the Amelia Trust Farm in August last year after moving from HMS Cambria. It has since been working with local veterans to provide them with therapeutic support in a care farm setting. Tarmac has a history of supporting the farm, going back to its establishment in the 1980s, when it donated cement to make pathways around the site.

Kara Bennett, Tarmac Aberthaw's environmental co-ordinator, said: "We are proud to provide continued support to the Amelia Trust Farm and have a long-standing relationship which spans many years. Just last year we provided a further donation of Postcrete and, when we were approached again, we were only too happy to help.

"The work of the Amelia Trust Farm and Woody's is fantastic, and we hope this little help will go a long way to supporting the many people who visit and rely on the facility's services."

Sian Woodland, communications officer from Woody's Lodge, spoke of the donation: "On behalf of Woody's I'd like to say thank you to Tarmac for its support. Our veterans now have a space where they can sit within a secure and safe area."

Woody's Lodge is open to veterans and their families on Monday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm.

Nordic walkers on cultural visit

BARRY Nordic Walkers included a stop off at St Peter's Church, Cogan, on their Monday morning walk around Cosmeston Country Park.

The church, which pre-dates the Norman invasion and might have its origins in Roman Britain, has recently re-opened after restorative work, funded by the Heritage Lottery scheme.

Rob Wardle, one of the walk leaders, said: "A few weeks ago, our members asked if we could stop off one day to have a look, so I got in touch with the Friends of St Peters and they arranged for the church to be opened by John Fraser, who told us about the history of the church."

Barry Nordic Walkers is affiliated to Age Cymru and supported by the Welsh Government. The instruction, equipment provision and tuition is currently being offered free of charge to anyone over the age of 55. They meet on Monday mornings at Cosmeston Country Park and Wednesday mornings at Barry Island.

For more information, contact Geoff Hollett on 01446 730613 or *geoffhollett@hotmail.com*

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Dog trainer Katie said: "Domino loves the outdoors and having a good run and sniff in the field. He will be such a fun and rewarding addition."

To find out more Domino, visit *www.dogstrust.org.uk*

Barry's 'Wishing Bridge' gets its plaque back after theft

A NEW plaque has been bolted to the 'Wishing Bridge' at the Knap Gardens following the theft of the original one.

Local artist Glyn Pooley said: "After a fantastic effort by a number of volunteers, our new plaque is back up for the local community and visitors to enjoy.

"After the theft there was a massive response on social media. It reached more than 9,000 people and led to offers of help.

"Art4U wants to thank Mark Lund, Bob and Gloria Powell, Jo Mortimer and Sue Eldridge for the beautiful script and decoration of the plaque. Their hard work is really appreciated. Through this community artwork, we hope all who walk across the bridge will be uplifted with an experience of hope and well-being."

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Pencoed are left disappointed by Resolven resilience

Gareth Prentice played his 250th game for Pencoed - ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Rhys Clarke in action.

THIS home Division 2WC league fixture was always going to be a stern test for Pencoed.

However, they opened the scoring after two minutes with a penalty from Adam Williams, who had a fine afternoon kicking from the tee.

Resolven then took a stranglehold on proceedings and scored an unconverted try on five minutes and a converted try on 17 mins.

Adam Williams kept Pencoed in the game with his second successful penalty on 21 minutes.

The loudest cheer of the afternoon came on 26 minutes when Gareth Prentice, playing in his 250th game earning a club cap, forced his way over. Adam Williams duly added the extras.

The final word of the half belonged to Resolven when they scored their third try which was converted, to leave a half time score of 13-19. With the game finely balanced, the first score of the second half was important. Unfortunately for the home side, Resolven scored tries on 45 mins and 47 minutes, the latter being converted.

This put daylight between the sides but in typical fashion, Pencoed pulled themselves back into the game when, on 53 minutes, Shane Izatt scored a try wide out that was well converted by Adam Williams.

On 56 minutes, Resolven scored another converted try. Pencoed would not lie down and die, though. Showing typical resilience and commitment, they continued to take the game to Resolven and were rewarded when Jack Thompson crossed the try line on 60 minutes. Once again Adam Williams was pinpoint with the conversion.

The last quarter was frantic. Pencoed went in search of an all-important fourth try but unfortunately were unable to break down the Resolven defence, leaving a final score of 27-38. Not the result most watching wanted, given the significance of the fixture for Gareth Prentice, but the attitude shown by Pencoed players will be some consolation.

A big thank you also to members of our junior under-12 squad who acted as water and kicking tee carriers.

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Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-7s travelled to Kenfig Hill where they enjoyed a great morning of rugby.

Kenfig Hill were a well-organised side but the Sports were undaunted and ran in some great tries with Isaac Davies, Dion Williams, Riley Lewis and Cian Elward all scoring. The Sports defence also held strong and kept a great defence line all game. The team's efforts paid off as they won the game with Dom Williams shining to earn man of the match.

It was a full morning of rugby for the under-8s as they hosted Nantyffyllon and Baglan for a round-robin.

In two very fast paced games a total of 68 tags were gained from their opponents' belts. The top try scorer was Oscar Clapham with three tries. Top taggers were Bailey Williams and Leo D'adamo with nine tags each.

Try scorers: OJ Clapham (3, Leo D'Adamo (2), Ollie Balmer, Archie Hall (2), Alex Bright, Ellis Kendall, Rhydian Cronin, Bailey Williams, Ethan James. The overall game scores were: Bridgend Sports 7, Baglan 8; Bridgend Sports 6, Nantyfyllon 7.

The under-9s hosted a very committed Nantyffyllon side. All credit must be paid to a Nanty side who moved the ball well and pressured in the tackle area.

The Sports also had some moments of good rugby once in possession scoring a total of nine tries over two games. A lovely well-thought blindside pass and run from the scrum put star player of the week Max Hearing in at the corner, while Rhiwbyn David defended until the last.

The final score was a fair reflection of how the sides performed, with Nantyffyllon outscoring the Sports 55-45. Sports try scorers were: Dan Perriman (4), Marley James, Max Hearing (2), Thomas Roberts (2).

The under-10s defeated Pontrhydyfen 35-15.

Sports try scorers were Noah Roberts (4), Osian Stephens (2) and Gruff Lewis (1)

The under-11s were set to play midweek at Kenfig Hill so enjoyed a rare Sunday morning off, while pride of place went to the under-12s for securing a place in the first of the Ospreys Cup finals.

They defeated tough opponents Kenfig Hill by 22 points to 7. The Sports took a quick penalty for Rhys Anthony to ghost through for an early try. Sam Gardner converted to extend the lead to 7-0.

The second half was evenly-contested but the Sports scored through Ben Evans to lead 12-0. Another penalty was well-earned which was converted by Sam Gardner to extended the lead to 15-0.

Ben Evans then used his strength and pace to run unopposed and score his second try under the posts which was converted by Sam Gardner for a 22-0 lead.

Credit to Kenfig Hill they battled back to finally put some pressure on the Sports line and after a couple of penalties crashed over for a deserved try which was converted.

The under-13s made the short trip across Newbridge Fields to play neighbours Bridgend Athletic.

The Athletic scored first with a try from deep, aided by the odd missed tackle. Undeterred the Sports hit back with an initial break by Cian John and good driving from Megan Lewis and Thomas Coles leading to Mackenzie Dent powering his way over the line.

The Athletic ran in a further three first half tries and two conversions to take a 26-5 lead into the second half.

The Sports hit back through Connor Jones, but the Athletic scored another another try and conversion. The Sports gave their all and were justly rewarded with a fine try from Abi Davies Jones on the wing, with the conversion added.

The under-15s were left disappointed after missing a good opportunity to progress to the Ospreys Cup final, losing 32-12 against Waunarlwydd.

Despite having much of the first half possession and territory, it was the visiting side who went into a 10-0 half-time lead. It wasn't until it was too late that the Sports scored their own breakaway try through Jack Thomas to make it 5-32.

The quick thinking of Morgan Rees, who picked up on a loose ball, allowed the Sports to break through the defence for a second time, with Jared Philip crossing the line for a late consolation try, converted by Owain Peters. Luke Yates was awarded the Sports' man of the match.

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The under-10s in action.

The under-12s in action in the Ospreys Cup.

Tondu Titans land their second win

THE Tondu Titans manage to secure their second win of the season against Rhydyfelin, winning 36-20.

The Titans started with a try two minutes in, converted by Carys Thomas before adding a further two, Kerys Maddern scoring the third, to make it 17-0. Rhydyfelin scored their first try 23 minutes in and then added another to take the score to 17-10.

Natalie Hooper scored for the Titans at the start of the second half to make it 22-10 and Hooper then scored another, converted by Katy Sage, to make it 29-10.

Kerys Maddern scored a converted try to take it to 36-10 but Rhydyfelin hit back to end the game with two more tries.

The Tondu Titans' next game is at home on April 7 against Talbot Reds.

The Titans are looking for a photographer for the start of next season – please contact press officer Mike Sully on 07789 793172 or email mike.sully@sky.com for more information.

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Natalie Hooper scores for Tondu Titans.

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Nathaniel MG adds 'flagship' dealership with new showroom

Bartley Bluebird, Wayne Griffiths, Max Griffiths, Nathaniel Mendez-Laing, Joe Ralls.

NATHANIEL MG, one of the most decorated MG dealerships in the country, launched its latest showroom on Penarth Road in Cardiff with two events to mark the occasion.

The VIP evening was very well attended with many celebrities turning up to show their support, including Grand Slam Welsh rugby players Gareth Anscombe, Owen Watkin and Tomas Francis plus the legendary Gareth 'Alfie' Thomas.

Cardiff City football players Nathaniel Mendez-Laing and Joe Ralls, along with their manager Neil Warnock, also enjoyed the evening and CCFC mascot Bartley Bluebird made an appearance.

The new 5,000 sq ft space joins the dealer group's other showrooms: Nathaniel Cars, in Bridgend, as well as the MG Cardiff store which is permanently situated within St David's shopping centre.

Nathaniel MG is one of the most recognised and rewarded MG dealerships in the UK, named MG Dealer of the Year in 2016, 2017 and 2018. The company has operated from a site in Bridgend for the past 35 years and the opening of its second, Cardiff dealership heralds a bright future. The new showroom will feature up to 14 MG models, as well as workshop space for all service and after sales activities.

MG Motor UK's managing director, William Wang, who officially opened the new MG showroom, described it as the iconic British brand's new 'flagship' showroom.

Dealer principal at Nathaniel MG Cardiff, Wayne Griffiths, commented: "We recognise that people's purchasing habits change. They want the car-buying experience to be as seamless and convenient as any other purchase, and that's why we have opened a new dealership in a large showroom near the city centre to complement our St David's and Bridgend sites.

"It's a hugely exciting time to be offering the MG range. Not only are we expanding our own business, but MG is also enjoying a great period of growth. We are very excited and proud to be opening another dealership in Wales' capital city."

Daniel Gregorious, head of sales and marketing at MG Motor UK, said: "The MG philosophy is built around making it easier for our customers to buy the right cars, at the right price, from the right people. Nathaniel MG shares this ethos and its expansion in Cardiff is testament to the work the business is doing to help make the MG brand such a national success.

"With new dealers coming on board and existing dealers growing, it's a hugely exciting time to work with our brand."

Nathaniel MG Cardiff officially opened its doors on February 21, 2019.

Easter Fun day at Cadoxton

CADOXTON Youth Project and Park Lions FC are holding a Family Easter and Sports Fun Day at Victoria Park, Cadoxton (CF63 2JS) on Saturday, April 13 from 12 noon - 4pm.

On the day children can take part in sporting activities including football, in which they'd be coached by the Park Lions coaches. There will also be games, colouring in competitions, face painting and fancy dress competitions. All children will receive an Easter Egg for participating. Other activities include raffle draws and Guess the Weight of a Cake. There will be hot and cold food on the day and all children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (there will be photography permission forms to fill in, to allow us to take photos of individuals who attend on the day).

AM pushes for increased capacity on Vale rail line

DELIVERING increased capacity on the Vale of Glamorgan Line must be treated as a priority, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies recently met the Transport for Wales chief executive James Price at its Cardiff headquarters, where he raised concerns about the frequency of services on the route.

Barry Island is currently served by three trains per hour to and from Cardiff, while Rhoose and Llantwit Major receive one hourly service in each direction.

TfW confirmed that the service would be increased, but Mr Davies expressed concerns about the proposed timescales involved.

He said that while he understood the pressures on rolling stock, he called for all options to be kept on the table to deliver improvements as soon as possible.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies met Transport for Wales chief executive James Price recently.

Mr Davies said: "It's vital we provide better transport links between the Vale and Cardiff, and more frequent train services are absolutely crucial.

"It was good to meet with James and raise these concerns with him – Rhoose and Llantwit only get one train per hour on weekdays and this is clearly not enough.

"While I understand there are limits on the rolling stock available, it's vital delivering increased capacity is treated as a priority. I will continue to push for this to ensure the Vale get the services we need."

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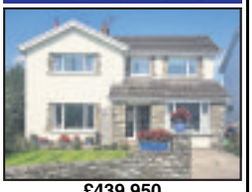
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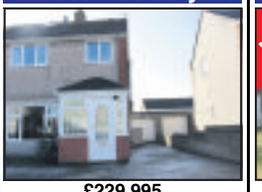
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Sadly passed away peacefully at home on 20th March 2019, aged 75 years. Much loved father to Luschie, Abi and Andrea and adored brother, father-in-law and uncle.

Alf will be missed more than words can express by his family and friends from all across the world.

Alf is now at peace with the love of his life, his wife Angela.

The funeral will take place on Friday, 5th April 2019 at 10am at the chapel at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, followed by a further service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only, if desired donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care to be collected at the service.

The family would like to thank all of Alfred's friends for the messages of love and support and for sharing the wonderful memories they have of Captain Abi.

JACKSON
Alfred (Alf)

Peacefully on 11th March at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Alf passed away after a very long and active life spanning such fields as pre-war grocer, World War II Desert Rat, oxygen delivery driver and dance band musician. He will be remembered for his anecdotes and his musical ability, and he kept playing his electronic organ until the week he passed away. Husband of (the late) Muriel, stepfather to Ellie, grandad to Robin, uncle to Brian and brother to Will, he will be much missed.

Alf is resting in the care of W.A. Brown & Son of Llantwit Major. Humanist service with military attendance at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, 2nd April at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations can be made to SSAFA, a military charity working to support the needs of Armed Forces' veterans and their families, c/o funeral home or www.ssafa.org.uk.

FOGG
Leslie Michael (Les)

Peacefully passed away at Holme Towers Penarth on 16th March 2019, aged 60 years.

Les will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Les's life will be held on Wednesday, 3rd April at 11am at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium Port Road East, Barry.

No flowers by request. Donations in memory of Les can be made at the service to Holme Towers.

WARE
Lesley Denise (*née* Ford)

Peacefully on Thursday, 14th March at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Loving wife of the late Robert, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 4th April, service and cremation 3.45pm at Coychurch, Crematorium, Bridgend.

PAYNE
Mary Gwynneth
(*née Winchester*)

Daughters Anne and Lynn are sad to announce the death of Mary, aged 89 years at Ty Gwyn Nursing Home, Penarth on 9th March, following a short illness. Mary who was married for 66 years to the late George Payne was a much loved mother, mother-in-law, gran and great gran.

Mary is in the care of James Summers Funeralcare, Lavernock Road, Penarth, CF64 5UP. The Service will take place on Friday, 5th April at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, CF62 9PX at 3pm.

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SMITH
Blanche
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On 19th March at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Blanche passed away very peacefully with friends at her side and in the thoughts of others. Blanche was the dearest wife of the late John Smith and beloved mother of the late John Adam. Blanche lived for many years in Penllyn where she was a very active and respected member of the community which she loved. She often gave thanks for her long and full life.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Blanche's funeral will take place on Wednesday, 10th April, 2.15 pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

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WOODING
Trevor

Peacefully on 14th March, at home, Trevor of Mayfield Place, Llantrisant; beloved husband of Pamela, loving father of Nicola and partner David, Stephanie and son-in-law Paul. Much loved grandfather (Baa) to Joshua, Jacob, Jack and Luca and dear brother-in-law of Ieuan.

Trevor will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 2nd April, service at Bethania Presbyterian Church, Pendoylan at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm.

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Mike was much loved and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Further details regarding funeral to follow.

HUMPHREY
Leonard Frank (Len)

Peacefully after a short illness, Len, much loved husband of Irene. Loving father of Amanda and Gareth. Devoted grampy.

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends

Funeral service at Coychurch crematorium on Friday, 5th April 2019 at 12 noon.

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SAWYER
George Charles

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, George passed away on 16th March, aged 90 years. Beloved husband of the late Muriel, cherished father of David and Lynne. Adored grandfather of Jonathan and Gemma and great grandfather to Rosie-May, Tomos and Osian.

He will be greatly missed by all his loving family *and friends*.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at 1.45pm on Thursday, 4th April at St Illtud's Church and afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in George's memory welcomed to Prostate Cancer UK, Fourth Floor, The Counting House, 53 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QN.

AYRES
Brian

Brian passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on 9th March 2019. Adored husband of Shirley, much loved father of Ian, David and Tracey, Bamps to Tara, Dale and Ryan, great grandfather of Dylan, Ella, Morgan and Cohan and a loving brother in law to Margaret.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to be held on Monday, 1st April 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu would be gratefully received to The British Heart Foundation c/o Green Willow Funerals.

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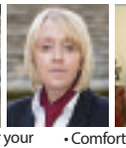

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Barry Town United ready for TNS Welsh Cup semi-final test

HISTORY could be on the horizon this weekend, as Barry Town United attempt to reach a first JD Welsh Cup final since their treble-double season of 2002-03.

Standing in the way of Gavin Chesterfield's side will be six-time winners TNS, with the one-off, semi-final showdown at Newtown's neutral Latham Park marking the first-ever meeting of the teams at this stage.

The Town and the Saints have met twice in Welsh Cup quarter-finals, with Barry prevailing on each occasion, though their most memorable meeting came in the final of 1996, as the club then known as Llansantffraid FC edged past Paul and David Giles' championship-winning team in a dramatic penalty shoot-out, the last resort in separating the sides, after a thrilling 3-3 draw in Cardiff.

In 2001, Barry secured a measure of revenge, with second-half efforts from Jamie Moralee and Gary Lloyd sealing a 2-0 win over TNS at Wrexham's Racecourse ground, and with it, a fourth Welsh Cup in the history of the Jenner Park club.

However, TNS prevailed in the teams' most recent Welsh Cup meeting, coming from behind to win a fourth round tie 5-2 at Jenner Park in the 2015-16 season.

Both Barry goalscorers that day, Jordan Cotterill and Drew Fahiya, are expected to be part of Chesterfield's squad in Newtown this weekend, while the likes of Paul Morgan, Lewis Cosslett and Troy Greening were all involved when the club last appeared in a Welsh Cup semi-final, again at Latham Park, six years ago.

A place in the UEFA Europa League qualifying rounds awaits the tournament winners, with holders Connah's Quay tackling Cardiff Met in Sunday's second semi-final.

Barry's tie with TNS kicks off at 7.30pm this Saturday, with admission via the turnstiles on the night only £8 (adults), £4 (students/65+) and £2 (under 16s).

Supporters wishing to travel by return coach from Jenner Park are advised to contact Leon Ford on 07505 933 972 for departure timings and seat availability.

AC

Tynewydd FC 's comeback victory over champions

TYNEWYDD FC got the better of top-of-the-table Holton Road on Saturday, coming back to win 2-1.

Tynewydd were going into the game in decent form, having turned around a 2-0 half-time deficit against Cardiff Airport to grab a 2-2 draw late on and beating Cwm Tawlg 1-0 with a stunning Richard Yarr freekick ensuring all three points.

With Holton previously having the better of Tynewydd this season in a few tight games, Tynewydd came into the game determined to get a victory.

While both teams played some decent football in the first half they largely cancelled each other out, with few chances for either team. The noteworthy exception came when Callum Coleman saved a header from point blank range to keep it at 0-0 at the interval.

Holton snatched the lead midway through the second half when a defensive lapse allowed their striker to drill home from the six-yard box.

With a strong bench to call upon, Tynewydd made some attacking changes to refresh their attack and after a period of sustained pressure they managed to draw level when Craig Rattenbury cut in from the left-hand side and curled a shot into the top corner from 30 yards out.

The equaliser inspired the team to keep driving on and 10 minutes from time, Tynewydd took full use of the referee's advantage, playing on from a certain freekick, with some neat passing, finding Ollie Cooke just inside the 18 yard box.

He made no mistake, calmly slotting home to make it 2-1, and Tynewydd saw the final minutes out in a well-deserved result with the whole squad of 16 all playing their part for the victory against a strong Holton side.

Man of the match was highly contested between numerous players but Callum Coleman snatched the award, mainly for his stunning first half save.

Tynewydd have also recently debuted a new kit, having received sponsorship from insurance company Admiral, for which they are extremely grateful.

Squad: C.Coleman, G.Pycroft, J.Shepherd, S.Eveleigh, Ll.Union, E.Hicks, T.Case, R.Yarr, O.Cooke, L.Union (c), C.Rattenbury, J.Smith, J.Matthews, J.Clissett, C.Harding, P.Pydannah, L.Clarke, J.Brana, L.Peterson, J.Pearce, J.Jones, G.Union.

JC

Llantwit Major RFC's EGM is adjourned

A recent Extraordinary General Meeting at Llantwit Major RFC has been adjourned for further information to be gleaned for members' consideration before a vote can take place on whether to change from being an unincorporated club to a incorporated limited company.

Vice-chairman David Liscombe explained: "We had a constructive meeting where members questions and concerns were raised and subsequently a decision was made to adjourn the meeting for members to be provided with further information before considering the proposal."

The management of the club's position, he added, remains the same, in that a change of status is vital to protect members, particularly those running the club, together with the club's trustees, from being exposed to personal liability.

A further meeting will be announced when finalised.

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Barry Town United players shine for Wales C in Salford

McLaggon (9), Green (6) and Hugh (3) started for Wales C in Salford, while McLaggon celebrates his goal (below right).

BARRY Town United's home-grown forward Kayne McLaggon was among the goals last Tuesday night, as Wales C earned a creditable 2-2 draw with England C in Salford.

McLaggon, who joined Barry team-mate Clayton Green and Chris Hugh in Mark Jones' starting XI, latched onto Green's well-worked set-piece to equalise on the half-hour, after Nathan Peate's own goal had handed the hosts a 24th-minute lead.

Paul Fairclough's England re-affirmed their advantage in the 53rd minute, as striker Kurt Willoughby of FC United of Manchester unleashed a low, long-range free-kick that eluded Wales' Caernarfon goalkeeper Alex Ramsay at his near post.

However, Wales hit back again through substitute Adam Roscroe, the Cardiff Met man running onto a deft ball over the top from Bala's Chris Venables, before firing a wicked effort into the top corner for the second and final equaliser.

A fourth Barry player, midfielder Robbie Patten, also had a taste of international action, replacing

Green in the 77th minute, as the Welsh held onto an eye-catching result against an England squad packed with professional talent.

Wales's first team manager Ryan Giggs was among a host of interested spectators at the Peninsula Stadium, as McLaggon righted the wrong of the injury setback that ruled him out of Wales' first C international match at Jenner Park a year ago.

Bridgend Bridge Club members take national championship

Welsh Bridge Union president Sarah Amos presenting the Champions of Champions cup to Tony Ratcliff (centre) and Julian Pottage.

BRIDGEND Bridge Club champions Julian Pottage and Tony Ratcliff won a new national competition, called Champions of Champions, played last weekend.

Other club members also did well, qualifying as champions of other local clubs. Tony Haworth and Rob Charlesworth, representing Pencoed, were second and Vida Halford and Glyn Williams (Vale of Glamorgan) were a highly creditable seventh nationally.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

On March 20: First, Norma and David Newman; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Dave Lea and Graham Norris. The winners on handicap were Dave Lea and Graham Norris.

On March 21: First, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch; second, Christine and John Evans; third, Ivor Hicks and Stewart Norton. The winners on handicap were Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

On March 22: First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Norma and David Newman; third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

DESPITE the under-7s having nine players unavailable, they were still able to take a squad of 18 players to Llantrisant.

Two pitches were set up with the Ath fielding two teams the Greens & Golds.

Stand out player for the Greens was Callum Brown & Charlie Tune for the Golds.

The under-8s were hosted by Llantrisant RFC.

Four 20-minute matches were played with both Ath teams proving too strong for their opposition, the Greens winning their matches, 11-8 and 15-10, and the Yellows winning their matches 6-5 and 11-8. In total the two Ath' teams clocked up an impressive 43 tries and 214 tags.

The under-9s took a squad of 23 players to Llantrisant and played two 20-minute games.

The Ath won the first game 35-0, and in the second game won 40-10.

Ath try scorers were Rory Whyte (2), Ethan Davies (2), Dylan Jones (2), Mason Brown, Rudi Quinn, Grayson Lewis Whelan, Regan Henly, Osian Kenny, Osian Lord, Max Edwards, Oliver Turvey and Charlie Howells scoring on his debut for the club.

Stand-out performers in defence were Ethan Davies, Osian Kenny, Mason Brown, Regan Henly, Osian Lord and Max Edwards.

The under-10s welcomed Tondu RFC to Newbridge fields.

Ath opened the scoring, but Tondu played some good rugby mind and were able to score a couple of well-worked tries of their own. it was hard work for them with the grit and determination of the Ath to not let them cross.

The final score was Bridgend Athletic 115, Tondu 10, try scorers: Jackson (4), Oliver W (4), Charlie (4), Ollie W (2), Jack, Jacob, Rhys, Albert, Shon, Monty, Chaitu and Jamine.

The under-11s welcomed Beaufort Bulls from Ebbw Vale to Newbridge fields.

Ath pressure was quickly turned into points and the Ath began to dominate territory and scored three quick tries. The rest of the first half was one-way traffic, with the Ath now scoring at will, the half-time score 45-0.

The Bulls stepped up the pace in the second half and although they did manage to cross the line, the Ath were able to add to their first half lead, the final score 75-5.

The under 12s made the journey to the Neath Valley to play a merged team from Nantyffyllon and Glyncorrwg (Nantcorrwg).

The Ath that drew first blood with full back Ioan Hammond benefiting from the hard work of the forwards to fight his way over the line in the fifth minute, but Nantcorrwg hit back almost immediately with a breakaway try before stretching their lead minutes later.

Some strong carries from the outstanding James Waite and flanker Alfie Creed created space for centre Luke Grant to glide in for the Ath's second try, immediately followed by their third from a great interception from Joe Bruckel.

Nantcorrwg edged ahead on the stroke of half-time with a well-worked forwards try finished by their number 8.

The Ath struck back through Will Jones before Nantcorrwg scored their fourth try of the match. Ioan Hammond scored his second try and outside half Jack Thomas capped an excellent all-round game with a try in the final minutes to give the Ath a deserved 38-26 victory.

The under-13s welcomed local rivals Bridgend Sports to Newbridge field on Sunday,.

The first try came from Joel Rodgers , the conversion kicked by Charlie Rees. Sports came back into it with an unconverte try to make it 7-5.

Rodgers grabbed his second try of the game, and Rhys Hockings added another, Charlie Rees kicking the conversion to take the score to 19-5.

Dan Stoodley off down the wing and out-sprinted the covering defence, Rees' conversion taking the score to 26-5.

With a few changes at half-time it was the Sports who started the second half with greater pace and fluidity allowing them to score their second try of the game. Dan Stoodley thenshowed some dazzling footwork to score, Rees' conversion making it 33-12.

With not much time left on the clock there was just enough time for the Sports to score out wide, , the final score 33-17.

The under-14s hosted Llantrisant and from the start it was clear that these two teams were well matched, in both size and ability.

Scrum half Fynn Bull released Shea Duggan on the burst for the first try, converted by Jack Whitten, but Llantrisant were soon level at 7-7.

In the second half, Llantrisant intercepted a pass and against the run of play ran in from 60 metres and went ahead 7-14.

The Ath levelled with five minutes remaining through Sam Matthews, Whitten converting, and took the lead, and the win, with a last-minute penalty from Whitten, the final score 17-14. Well done to both teams for giving 100 per cent and to the Ath for emerging as victors.

The under-15s travelled up the valleys to play Pontrhydyfen.

The Ath were attacking from all areas of the field and within minutes scored the first try, and the tries kept coming for the Ath with some great handling skills by the backs.

Try scorers were Luke Griffiths, Harper Chamberlain, LLoyd Anthony, Lochlan Baron, Tom Clarke, Will Laverick and Evan Beach, who also converted three of the tries, the final score Pontrhydyfen 10, Bridgend Athletic 41.

AB

Ath's Joe captains Wales under-19s

Joe Grabham with proud father, club stalwart Lee.

LAST season's Bridgend Athletic youth captain flanker Joe Grabham captained a Wales Select under-19s team, scoring a try in a 33-12 victory against Japan High Schools at Taffs Well.

Along with Caine Woolerton Joe was awarded an Ospreys Development contract this season after two seasons with the Athletic youth – captaining the side last season.

This season, representing the Ospreys squad, Joe played in the newly-formulated Celtic Cup against Scarlets, Blues, Connaught, Munster, Leinster and Dragons.

At Premiership level he has played for Bridgend Ravens against Carmarthen Quins, Ebbw Vale, Bargoed and started, and scored a try in the National Cup win at Newbridge. Joe has also played for Neath against Cardiff, Merthyr, scored a try against Llanelli, Bedwas and Pontypridd.

He has also played four games for the Bridgend Athletic first XV in the National League Division 1 East Central against Cambrian Welfare, Treorchy, Gilfach Goch and Llantrisant.

Coached by his father Lee, an Athletic stalwart with 186 senior appearances and 26 tries and 128 points throughout age group and youth rugby, Joe commenced with the Athletic at under-8 level.

He was an Ospreys cup winner at under-15s and under-16s, then had two seasons in the youth team before signing an Ospreys Development contract. Joe played Bridgend and District under-15s before playing for Ospreys under-16s East and then Ospreys under-16s.

In his first year in youth rugby Joe was part of the Athletic double-winning side, scooping both the Ospreys A league and National Youth League Cup. In his second season he captained the youth side that won the Ospreys A league and finished runners-up in the National Youth League Cup.

He played two seasons for the Ospreys under-18s and was part of the team that won the regional tournament in the 2016/17 season.

The club have high hopes for the future for both Ospreys Development contract players Joe and Caine Woolerton, who was involved in the Wales under-20 squad this season.

AB

Tondu seconds earn narrow win

TONDU RFC seconds scored the winning try with the final move of the game to record a narrow 23-20 victory over Waunarflydd on Saturday.

Tries from Thomas Derrick and John Lloyd were enough to make it a clean sweep for Tondu teams over the weekend.

Mike Sully

Rusty Cowbridge show will to win in tough encounter

AFTER a five week gap, and a superb Six Nations by Wales, Cowbridge first XV were back in league action away to CR Cymry Caerdydd at Pontcanna Fields.

Early pressure by Cowbridge put Clwb on the back foot but they defended well and their scrum proved a handful for the Cowbridge front row of Dai Breed, Craig Boxall and the returning Jon Bater.

Clwb were first on the scoreboard as their outside half put over a penalty but three minutes later, after a take in the lineout by second row and captain Ross Gibbon, the ball moved infield and No 8 James Bennett took a great line to drive up field. Prop Bater took it on to within five metres of the Clwb try line.

On 29 minutes Clwb had another penalty for offside that fortunately went wide, but on 33 minutes Cowbridge moved the ball through the hands, recycled possession when play broke down and centre Tom James crashed over to the right of the posts. Full back Josh Thomas put over the conversion.

Coming up to half-time outside half Gareth Williams Davies kicked a penalty into touch deep in Clwb territory. With Cowbridge in Clwb's half their hooker was shown a yellow for illegal play but the penalty by Thomas went wide, making the half-time score 3-7.

Into the second half, and a swap saw Tom James move to scrum half and Hywel Williams to centre. Minutes in and a great attack set up by Williams-Davies moved onto Dan Holder who was held up on the line, but Clwb had infringed and Josh Thomas put over the penalty.

A great scrum by Cowbridge pushed Clwb back and though Clwb's scrum remained strong they didn't dominate as in the first half. An attack up the right following a Hywel Williams break was then taken on by Bennett in support to score. Thomas added the extras to make it 3-17.

Cowbridge then lost Holder for 10 minutes when the referee ruled that in defending a lineout drive he had not come through the gate. The penalty looked harsh and from the resulting scrum Clwb moved the ball to the right and their winger dived over for an unconverted try.

On 29 minutes Clwb's outside half put over a good penalty from 35 metres to close the gap to 11-17.

Taking a penalty kick to touch Gibbon took another great lineout take but the drive was held up over the line. Clwb from a penalty took the lineout but as they drove forward superb work by Holder manged to snaffle it back on Cowbridge side. Will Williams came on for wing Zac Summerhayes.

Coming towards full time, from a scrum Cowbridge put the ball through hands and Hywel Williams popped it to Gibbon to drive over for a much-needed try.

Playing in injury time Cowbridge had the last word with a try through Bennett as he crashed through for his second try, earning Cowbridge a crucial bonus point.

RK/RV

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On and off the turf with Brian Lee

CHARLIE Price who rides out for the Vale's Tim Vaughan landed the opening novice hurdle handicap at Chepstow last Thursday, March 21.

Riding 11-year-old *Flanagans Field* trained by Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn, he won by two-and-a-half lengths from *Top Of The Rocks* and in a field of 14 was returned the 5-1 joint-favourite.

Later in the day, Llancarfan's Evan Williams' top-weighted five-year-old *Treasure Dillon* under Mitchell Bastyan won the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Novices Hurdle by five lengths from *El Hager Rose*.

Treasure Dillon, which had been runner-up in three of his previous five races, was well fancied and went off the 15-8 favourite.

WINS FOR VALE RIDERS

JACK Tudor and Isabel Williams, both from the Vale, rode winners at the Brecon and Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanfrynach last Saturday.

Jack riding his godfather Philip Thomas' home-bred *Blazing Tom* took the opening confined race when coming home two lengths ahead of the pace-making *Midnight Folie* and Isabel won the three horse ladies' open race on her grandmother Mary Evans' 12-year-old former National Hunt performer *Hold Court* after the odds-on *PatrickTom Boru* had unseated Jodie Hughes at the third fence.

Tiger Rag ran out and refused to take any part in the race.

Isabel said: "I knew exactly what was going on and *Hold Court* is a wise old boy. He knows what it is all about and he really enjoyed himself."

Hold Court took six minutes and 44 seconds to complete the course compared to the five minutes and 51 seconds it took *Sir Du Bearn* to win the men's open under 21-year-old Trystan Hughes.

The French-bred *Sir Du Bearn*, a former useful National Hunt performer, at 13 was the oldest horse in the race and he was judged to have finished a neck in front of the favourite and pacemaking *Moral Hazard* with *Mister Dick* a further half-a-length away in third place.

Moral Hazard's rider Bradley Gibbs made nearly all to win the club members' race on *TheGirlFromMilan*, the restricted on *Highway Jewel* and the open maiden on *Premier Magic*. All three are trained by his father David, who was saddling his first ever three-timer.

BANGOR SUCCESS FOR VALE TRAINERS

VALE trainers Phil Dando and Tim Vaughan both saddled winners at Bangor last Saturday, March 23.

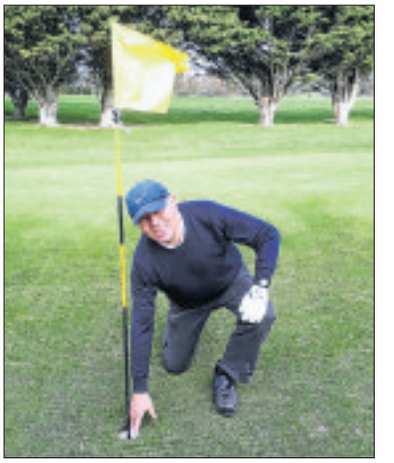
Peterston-super-Ely's Dando won the Broxton Gates Handicap Hurdle with his home-bred *Driftwood Haze,* which won by half-a-length from the bottom-weighted *Samson's Reach*, ridden by James Bowen, and around 40 or so minutes later Aberthin's Tim Vaughan took the Follow At The Races On Twitter Novices' Hurdle with the odds-on favourite *Copper Gone West* partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns.

Driftwood Haze, a 5-1 chance was ridden by Mitchell Bastyan.

There was further Welsh success in the Broxton Gates Handicap Chase when *Steel Native*, a 14-1 chance, got home by half-a-length from *Cadeau Du Bresil.*

The winner is trained by Pembrokeshire's Dai Rees and was ridden by Richard Patrick.

Bruce lands hole in one!



ON Tuesday, March 19, the first golf match of 2019 for Cottrell Park Seniors Golf Society took place against St Athan Seniors at their course in St Athan.

The fixture was a close-fought affair ending in an honourable draw, 4-4. The highlight of the day was a hole in one for immediate past captain Bruce Rankine who plays off a handicap of 11.

On the 15th hole he took his tee-shot with a nine-iron and watched in awe as his shot pitched over the front bunker and bounced straight into the hole. Not only did this shot win the hole, but also the individual match he and his partner Jon Brazier were in, 4 and 3.

Needless to say, Bruce honoured the tradition of buying a drink for all those involved in the match afterwards. Remarkably, after a lifetime of golfing this was Bruce's first hole in one.

JB

Seaview Lads search for fish

SPRING may be in the air, but clearly it hasn't reached the depths of the murky Bristol Channel yet.

It may be why so many members seem to have pitched camp in sunnier climes in far off places where the fish still live.

While some anglers are still landing nice fish outside the competitions (especially Jordan Clarke), the last match was disappointing by any standards.

This Sunday was a prime example. On a day when fish were reluctant to show, the humble Rockling saved red faces. A not-so-humble specimen Rockling of 1lb 2oz was landed by Roger Green and one of 15 ounces helped Ada Harris to his mighty winning weight of 1lb 15oz!

March is usually a good time to fish, so bags should start to get better in coming weeks.

Results for March 24: First, A Harris 1lb 15oz; second, A Saif 1lb 10oz; third, D Cook 1lb 7oz; fourth, R Green 1lb 2oz.

JC

Pencoed Phoenix in dominant form

ABOVE LEFT: Emily Hughes is caught up in the tackle, while ABOVE RIGHT: Leanne Burnell lines up a kick - ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

RECENT matches between Senghenydd Ladies and Pencoed Phoenix have been closely fought affairs but on this occasion, and with respect to the home side, Phoenix fielded arguably their strongest squad of the season to date and ran out comprehensive winners, 62-14.

Early Phoenix scrum dominance saw several chances created, however, the opening quarter slipped by with the match remaining scoreless.

Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell then took matters into her own hands, breaking out wide around the home defence before straightening up some 35 metres out to score at the posts before adding the conversion.

The pick and drive game of the Phoenix pack was now beginning to make inroads and following several strong carries from Sam Galea, Emily Hughes and Rachel Jones deep into the Senghenydd 22, sustained pressure saw scrum half Amy Stevens get the touchdown; Burnell converted.

Phoenix returned to the attack and a good driving run from second row Rhiannon Thomas almost took her over. Phoenix were not to be denied, and Burnell and centre Amy Morgan combined to bring blindside wing Zoe Reeves through midfield to get a remarkable touchdown, as if catapulted off the remaining defenders.

Another Burnell break took play back into the home 22 and supporting back row forward Galea drove over in textbook fashion to score wide out. Phoenix soon got a fifth try from Hughes, the No.8 driving over in determined manner and Phoenix led 0-29 at the interval.

With the luxury of such a lead, Phoenix made a host of half time changes and the replacements wasted no time in making an impact. Firstly, front row forward Isla Lewis powered her way some 20 metres to take play into the home 22, before fellow replacement Kelsey Purchall timed her run to perfection onto Burnell's pass to score half way out; Burnell converted.

Phoenix were now rampant and combined interplay from forwards and backs saw Hughes forcefully get her second try. To their credit. the Sirens hit back with a well-deserved try from Liane Fletcher with Sarah Harper adding a fine conversion from wide out.

Then came the try of the match, Purchall collecting a kick some 70 metres out before setting off on a counter attacking run which saw her beat several home defenders to race over for a superb try with Burnell converting.

The changes made did not detract from the Phoenix forward effort and the pack laid the foundations for the next score with Galea, Stevens, and Burnell handling swiftly to put Nat O'Shea in possession and O'Shea, now switched from hooker to centre, needed no second invitation to storm over with Burnell adding the extras.

The Sirens then added their second try from right wing Stephanie Rees showing good pace to score at the posts; Harper converting.

Phoenix were to have the final say, however, with Burnell capitalising on a loose home pass to score at the posts before adding the conversion for a final match scoreline of 14-62.

Sam Galea was chosen as best Phoenix forward with Amy Morgan playing in the unfamiliar role of centre as best Phoenix back. For Senghenydd, Liane Fletcher and Sarah Harper were chosen as best forward and back respectively.

Phoenix now eagerly await the draw for the semi-final of the competition.

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Cottrell Park ladies welcome new captain

THIRTY-TWO Cottrell Park ladies played a nine-hole shotgun start, Stableford competition on the Mackintosh course on Thursday , March 21, following the new ladies captain Tina Morgan's drive-in.

It was a nice drive, Judith Jessop's flag was the nearest guess as to where the ball would land.

A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all, with a present for each lady from Tina. The beautiful table decorations were provided by Angela Padfield, and one lady on each table won the decoration to take home.

The prizes were presented by the new ladies captain. The winners were Sandra Collin, Angela Padfield and Judith Jessop with 40.85 points and second were Rose Dawson, Nan Thomas and Marcia Malia with 41.65. Nearest the pin was Lorraine Pointon-Bell.

Tina thanked everyone for attending, she enjoyed the day and was looking forward to the year ahead and would do her best with the support of the committee and lady members.

Jeannette Williams, past captain, presented Lorraine Pointon-Bell, outgoing captain, with a present as a thank you for all her hard work during the last 15 months.

CB

Golfers return to action

AFTER the previous week's wash out, St. Mary's Golf Club's senior section were pleased to return to the fairways for a stroke play competition.

After an overcast start, the weather brightened considerably and, with the long delayed appearance of the sun, a good number of the 23 starters finished their rounds in shirt sleeves.

The course remained rather wet, however, and with the going particularly heavy on holes 11 and 12, the members elected to miss them out.

Despite the lack of run on the ball, some excellent scores were posted, well below the nominal par of 59 for the 16 holes played.

Section chairman Gordon Martin maintained his average by carding the only two of the day and nabbed third place with a round of net 55.

Ray Stacey finished one shot better on net 54 for second, but new member, Alun Powell, claimed the victory with a remarkable eight under par net 51.

It was back to a rainy start for their second competition of the week and the 20 members who braved the wet conditions opted for a team Texas Scramble over a reduced course of 12 holes.

Low scoring is to be expected in this format, and the five teams of four players certainly did not disappoint.

Closing out their round with three consecutive birdies proved decisive as the team of Trevor Evans, Gordon Campbell, George Parry and, gaining his second podium of the week, Gordon Martin, snatched the victory by three shots.

NL

Cottrell Park bucks the trend

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WITH the new season dawning and the Masters just around the corner, Cottrell Park continues year on year with major investments to golf!

Works just completing on the Button Gwinnett Golf Course sees a new lake on the 15th hole, not only adding a great challenge off the tee but also a million gallons of water, making the courses totally self-sufficient for irrigation. The last 12 years have seen significant changes to the Button Course which now makes this a course becoming more popular in demand.

Alongside improvement works being carried out on the Course, our membership continues to diversify. Gareth Bennett one of our two resident PGA Golf Professionals continues to be innovative with his 'New to Golf' membership scheme. This is open to both ladies and men who have never played the game.

They come on board with on-course lessons and one ready to do so they take up a special taster membership for their first three years, allowing them to gradually build up to full membership.

Over the last couple of years Gareth has also been developing the club's junior section through hosting weekly lessons on a Wednesday and Friday for a variety of age categories. They have recently developed a new branding for themselves called 'Cottrell Cobras', which will feature on their club tops.

Our junior membership continues to grow, thanks to Gareth's initiatives and the fantastic opportunities presented to them through their membership, lessons and competitions. They are the future of golf!

At Cottrell Park we pride ourselves on listening to our members and customers requirements and therefore offer an extensive range of membership categories to suit all needs, from the social golfer to the competitive.

This year we have added a new category to our membership in the form of Play More Golf, which is a partnership with an external national company allowing us to offer a more flexible membership type. For more information please visit the Play More Golf website.

Under our new 2019 Committees we have seen a change and modernisation of competitions with us now offering an extensive range throughout the week and on both days of the weekend.

One of the great benefits of housing two golf courses is that those who do not wish to play in the competition can simply play on the other course!

So as said, the new season is about to start, and we are so pleased to have come through winter after once again playing full greens, tees and fairways with the courses only being closed three days during those months!

We are looking forward to what the new season may bring and an exciting year ahead for Cottrell Park, its members and visitors - the resort extends a warm welcome to you all!

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Ath's fine form continues in battle with Rhiwbina

Ben Howe with man of the match Will Petchell and Sean Williams in support - all pictures by JOHN CANON.

Ben Cording with support from Matthew Norman, Sean Williams, Lee Murphy and Matthew Muir.

THE Bridgend Athletic bandwagon rolled on with their ninth league win in the last 10 games at the expense of Division 1 East Central's second-placed side Rhiwbina.

This has moved the Athletic from 11th place back in December to joint second on 52 points with Rhiwbina.

In ideal playing conditions, the Athletic gained the early initiative. With man of the match lock Will Petchell leading the early charges wing Dan James was, just thwarted in reaching a chip ahead as Rhiwbina managed to minor. Lee Murphy and Tom Davies also went close. The pressure was turned into points when outside half Luke Bevan converted a 10-minute penalty.

Rhiwbina responded and some Athletic defensive mistakes nearly led to Rhiwbina scoring. A penalty for Rhiwbina holding on at a ruck in front of the Athletic posts relieved the pressure.

Athletic full back Sam Richards made a strong run out of defence leading to an Athletic penalty. They elected to kick to the corner, but Rhiwbina held the driving maul.

It was deja vu a few minutes later with the same result. The Athletic did attempt to kick the next penalty but a cross wind drifted the ball just wide of the upright. The Athletic moved the ball along the threequarters via half backs Aled Thomas, Bevan and centres Tom Jenkins and Tom Davies to see Sam Richards enter the line at speed but fail to hold onto a scoring pass.

Rhiwbina made the Athletic pay for their failure to turn possession and territory into points in the 35th minute. Their speedy backs opened play from 40 metres out and good interpassing saw wing Matt Williams cross in the corner for an unconverted try.

From the restart, the Athletic pressurised the Rhiwbina try line with surges from Ben Howe, Matt Muir and Matthew Norman going close before being penalised to allow Rhiwbina to keep their line intact.

In the 38th minute, centre Tom Jenkins left the field with a blood injury to be replaced with player-coach Stuart Morris. With the final move of the half, Rhiwbina found themselves with a five-metre driving lineout maul, but the Athletic held the Squirrels at bay to go in at half-time with a 5-3 deficit.

As with the first half, the Athletic restored to their starting line-up took the game to Rhiwbina. Wing Owain Leyshon was dragged down just short of the line. The pressure led to an Athletic penalty goaled by Luke Bevan to retake the lead.

Lock Ben Cording caught a lineout 30 metres out and the Athletic drove infield. The maul was illegally halted just short of the try line resulting in a yellow card being issued to a Rhiwbina forward and Bevan slotting his third penalty to extend the Athletic's lead to 9-5.

The Athletic scrum without a recognised tight head was starting to come under pressure. In the 64th minute, Rhiwbina were awarded a penalty five metres from the Athletic try line and elected for a scrum.

The Athletic brought on replacement hooker Nathan Holman, a renowned scrummager. His prowess in the unfamiliar tight head prop position changed the whole momentum at that set piece with the Athletic now in the scrum ascendancy and snuffing out one of Rhiwbina's options.

With 13 minutes remaining and Rhiwbina going all out for a winning try, the Athletic brought on experienced lock Jonathon Stoker, who had spent the week in China, to add weight and height to the Athletic defence.

However, this backfired when he misjudged a Rhiwbina lineout throw and was over-anxious in trying to stop a driving maul before the Rhiwbina lock had come down to earth and resumed his holiday with the final 10 minutes on the sidelines.

Using wing Owain Leyshon as a makeshift backrow forward in the scrum, the 14-man Athletic were given a torrid final 10 minutes to hold out a rampant home side seeing their promotion ambitions ebbing away.

Led by the back row of captain Ben Howe, Sean Williams and Ben Davies, the Athletic held out to keep their own winning habit on course.

Athletic head coach John Apsee summed up: "Our defence was exceptional. It was a reasonable performance following a three-week layoff. Lock Will Petchell, who brought a lot of commitment and energy to the game both in defence and attack, was our man of the match.

"Without our own mistakes we should have had a more comfortable winning margin. Hooker Nathan Holman made a huge impact when he came on in the unfamiliar position of tight head prop and was probably the difference between us winning and losing when Rhiwbina piled on the pressure in the closing stages. Thanks also to loose head prop Matthew Muir for helping out in the tight head position doing well while on the field."

This Saturday, the Athletic host another form team, sixth-placed St Josephs at Newbridge Fields. With seven wins, one draw and two losses in their last 10 games they will test the Athletics' unbeaten home league run since returning to Newbridge Fields.

AB

Tondu youth back in action with a win

TONDU RFC youth re-started their league campaign with a 22-8 win over a strong Bryncoch after not playing for a month.

As the game started, Tondu looked rusty by giving away numerous penalties and missing countless opportunities to get points.

Bryncoch were first on the scoresheet after slotting a penalty to go 3-0 up. Tondu continued to attack but were unable to break through a determined Bryncoch, however the tables turned and Tondu began to defend for their lives, ensuring they didn't give any kickable penalties away.

Shortly before half-time, Tom Painter crossed the line for a try converted by Dan Thomas to make it 7-3 to Tondu at half-time.

It was an unconvincing first half performance, so it was time for Tondu to prepare for the second half and they looked a completely different side!

Strong attack put Bryncoch on the back foot, and some great hands by Rio Davies who put Morgan Boobyer under the posts for his first try of the season. Converted by Jacob Thomas it took the score to 14-3. Bryncoch came back at Tondu but were unable to get a try on the board until Morgan Hughes saw yellow for a build up of team offences. Quick thinking by the Bryncoch 9 after the penalty saw them score a try, but Bryncoch then gave a penalty away which was scored by Jacob Thomas to make it 17-8 to Tondu.

A yellow card for the Bryncoch No 12 saw the penalty go in the corner for a lineout, and a strong driving maul allowed Morgan Hughes to walk over the line and get his third try in three games for Tondu.

The game ended 22-8 to Tondu, an ugly win but a win is a win. The youth were unhappy with the performance but happy to be undefeated in the league.

All attentions now turn to this week where they welcome Bryncethin to Pandy Park.

JA

Win gives Tondu feeling of safety in relegation battle

ABOVE: Matthew Murphy scores for Tondu, While BELOW: Scott Walters takes a double hit. ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.

THIS 13-0 victory over Maesteg Celtic was a very important derby win for Tondu, which will almost certainly guarantee Division One rugby next season.

But other than the final result, there wasn't much else to remember about a game littered with errors and the whistle of the referee.

Tondu started well enough, a penalty from the boot of Josh Tatchell swiftly followed by a well-worked try for full back Matthew Murphy.

The away side were hardly in the game during a first half that should have seen Tondu well into double figures, but had to be content with a second try for Matthew Murphy towards the end of the half, the score 13-0.

The expectation was for the home side to put the game to bed at the start of the second half, but all we got was a prolonged whistle blowing display from the referee in a 40 minutes in which neither side could take control.

Tondu travel to Aberavon Quins this Saturday, kick off 2.30pm

Tondu seconds achieved a memorable last-minute win, beating Waunarlwydd 23-20 at Pandy Park, while Tondu youth chalked up another resounding victory by winning 22-8 away to Bryncoch.

Mike Sully

Weakened Maesteg Celtic battle against Tondu

A MAESTEG Celtic side weakened by injury visited a Tondu side at Pandy Park.

Tondu began the game at high tempo and spread the ball at every opportunity. They took the lead after five minutes when Celtic were penalised for offside in their 22.

They went further ahead 10 minutes later when Celtic were penalised halfway and a quick tap penalty caught them unawares. The Tondu wing used his pace to run around the defence and sprint to the line.

Celtic lost a player to the sin bin on the half hour and Tondu disrupted a Celtic scrum in midfield and then charged down the clearance kick.

The ball was gathered and good inter-passing resulted in another try in the corner.

In the second half the Celtic front row of Sean Lambert, Morgan Reeves, and Mathew Phillips together with lineout jumpers Alex Jones, Mark Hillier-Rees and captain Oliver Petty began to get on top. Their flankers, Jonathan Davies and man of the match Garin Bowen, were excellent in attack and defence.

Celtic half-backs Morgan Lloyd and Matthew Harris distributed the ball quickly to the backline of Scott Wilkins, Lee Arthur, Lewis Jenkins and Neil Arthur but the home rush defence was impenetrable.

Most of the play was in the middle third of the field with neither team able to put pressure on their opponent's line, the game ending 13-0 to Tondu.

Celtic man of the match was flanker Garin Bowen who was playing his first game of the season after a long layoff from injury.

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